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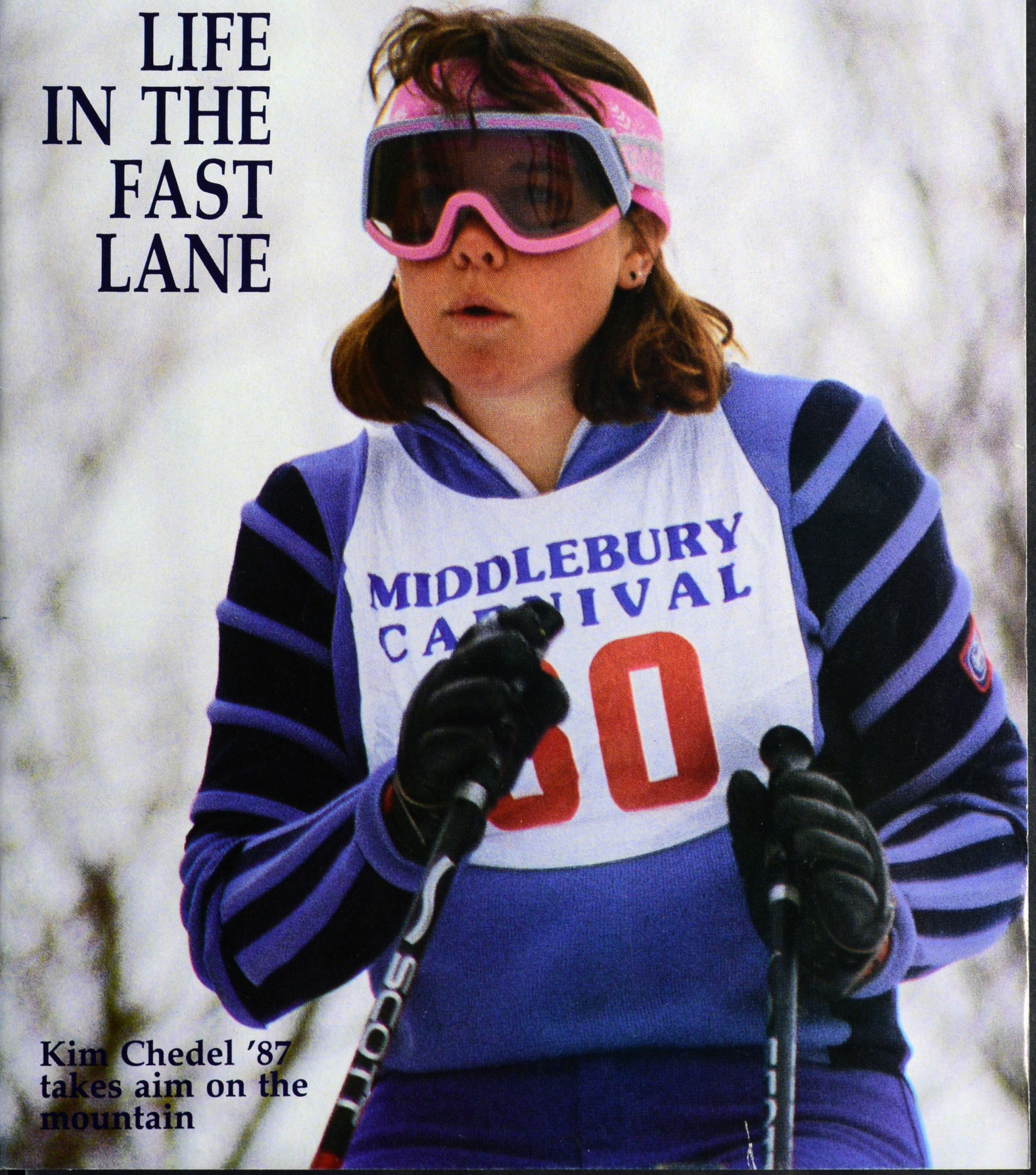
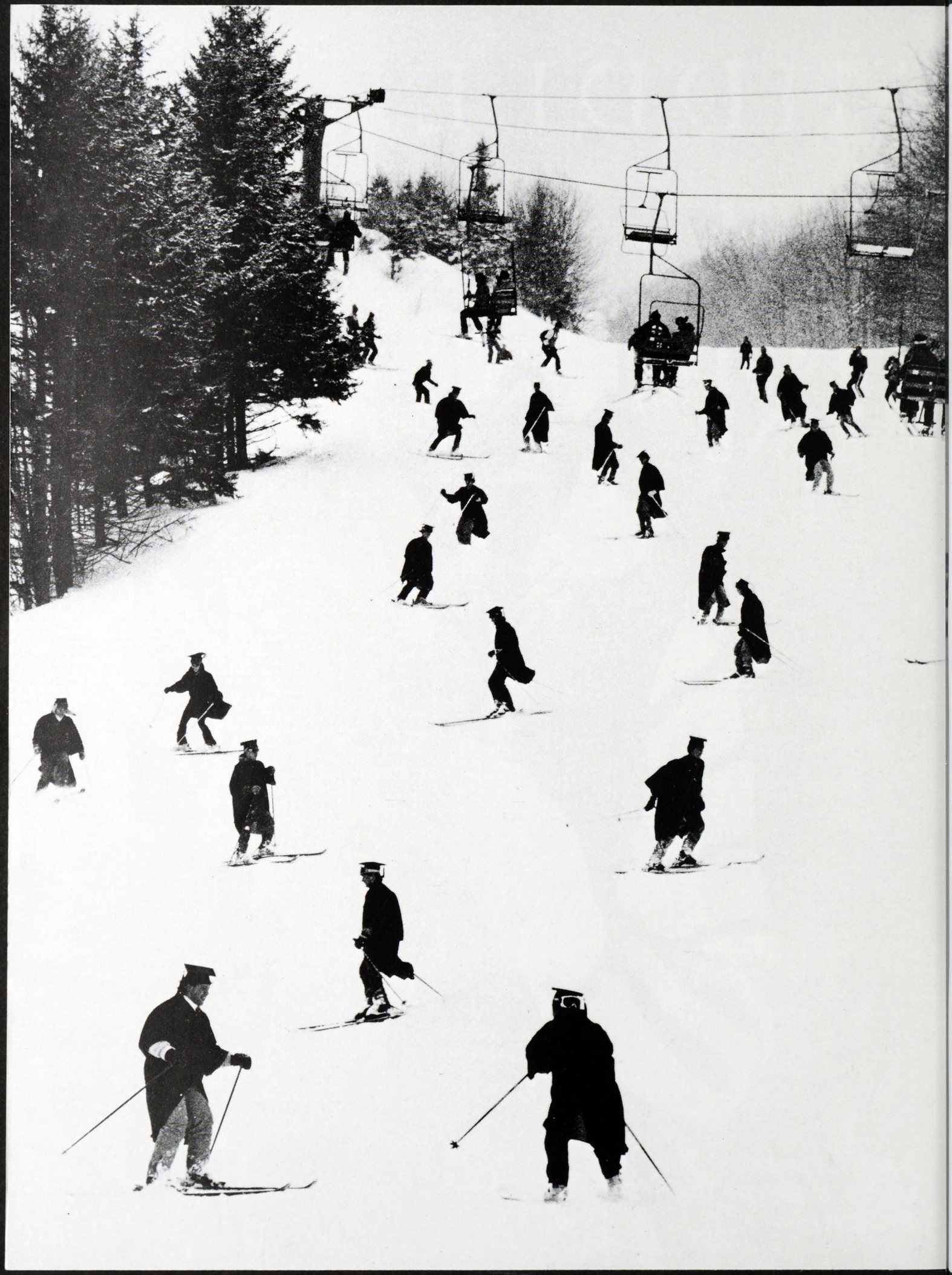


Kim Chedel '87 takes aim on the mountain



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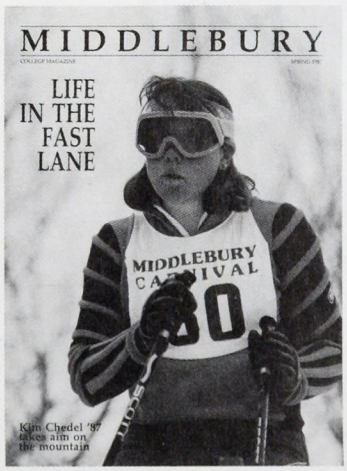


On the cover: Skier Kim Chedel '87 concentrates just before her first run in the 1987 Winter Carnival slalom. Photo by Fred Beckham '87. Opposite: A new February graduation tradition is born (see "Around the Hill"). Photo by Ed Ernst.

EDITORIAL

Something to talk about

In our news section this issue, you'll find a long item about the winter term Freshman Convocation Series, all-campus lectures in Mead Chapel, followed by discussions, featuring speakers from on and off campus. One of our features presents the Convocation Series discussion with Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, in more depth. And last issue, of course, we ran an edited transcript from "South Africa: A National Collegiate Symposium."

You're going to read about a lot of talking and discussion in future magazines. Because at a college like Middlebury discussing things is what people do.

The Freshman Convocation Series grew out of a proposal from the Special Committee on the Curriculum report of last year, which, in its various proposals for changing the way Middlebury educates its students, called for an all-campus Tuesday convocation series. While the faculty continues to discuss the Special Committee's proposals, some of the ideas, like the convocation series, are now being tried as experiments.

The idea behind the convocation series, as I've heard it explained, is to make learning at Middlebury more of a community event. But you might say that more simply.

The idea behind the convocation series is to give everybody more to talk about.
—ECE

LETTERS

Critical information
Editor: Those of us working in public health on changing the course of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) epidemic are well aware of the fear and misunderstanding associated with the disease. Your recent article (Winter 1986, page 9) on the College's AIDS policy was inaccurate and misleading. Phrases such as "if someone in the Middlebury community tests positive for AIDS," "AIDS carriers," and "free testing for AIDS" imply that an individual who tests positive for AIDS antibody has AIDS. There is, of course, a considerable distinction between being seropositive and being diagnosed as having AIDS. Approximately 10 to 30 percent of those who are infected with the HIV virus develop AIDS. AIDS is fatal; being infected with the virus is not necessarily fatal.

HIV infection is rapidly spreading into the heterosexual 15-35 age group, particularly females. The implication of this change in the "at risk" population is clear. Precise, carefully worded health information about this epidemic is critical.
DOUGLAS MACKINTOSH '66
Herndon, Va.

South Africa Symposium: propaganda?
Editor: I had high hopes the Middlebury sponsorship of the recent program on South Africa would ensure that it would not be just one more emotional self-indulgent "happening." Unfortunately, it turned out to have all the intellectual honesty of a Moscow show trial or a Nuremberg torchlight rally (Winter 1986 issue).

Specifically, I would like to comment on the former Australian Prime Minister's answer to the question of whether sanctions should be applied to other countries which severely restrict personal liberty, for example, the U.S.S.R. He gave two reasons why one should not do so, neither of which will bear the least examination.

First, he said that the Soviet Union was not part of the West. Russia is certainly more of the West than Black Africa!

Second, he said that at least in the Soviet Union the citizens do not have to carry around passes identifying their race. The facts, are, in fact, otherwise. The Soviets do have internal passports, which also mark out those of Jewish descent. This fact could hardly be unknown to such an eminent person as Mr. Fraser, nor could it be unknown on a campus with such an active intellectual interest in the Soviet Union.

It may be useful to note that a full trade embargo against South Africa would be an economic bonanza for Australia by removing a major competitor from their export markets for coal, iron ore, gold, diamonds, and wood. On the other hand, a similar embargo against the Soviet Union would hurt Australia by removing a major customer for their wheat.

If Middlebury proudly endorses propaganda events of this sort, what is left of its old reputation for intellectual honesty and rigor?
ROBERT HISEY '52
Greenwich, Conn.

Student Forum and South Africa
Editor: I was angered and saddened by the response of the Middlebury Student Forum to the invitation to join 200 other student governments in writing President Reagan to urge him "to abandon constructive engagement and to push for sanctions against South Africa" (Winter 1986, page 35).

The Forum, the magazine reported, overwhelmingly voted not to write this letter because its members felt the South Africa divestment matter was, in the words of the Forum chairman, "over and done with." (I would like to know how the students felt about their vote after the symposium.)

Does this group of young people really believe that divestment by Middlebury is the end of apartheid? When they leave college, will they work to solve social problems by writing a check to relieve their guilt and then forget the problems? What kind of education have they received before Middlebury, and what is Middlebury doing to help them become responsible citizens?

The fact that 75 percent of student government members at a liberal arts college will not even make the inadequate token effort to express dissatisfaction about apartheid goes to prove Dumisani Kumalo's assertion, quoted elsewhere in the magazine, that "Americans tend to know very little about anything on the other side of the Pacific or the Atlantic."
DAVID DOWNING '75
Dedham, Mass.

The Symposium: why, who, what?
Editor: The Winter 1986 *Middlebury Magazine* carried a summary of a symposium on South Africa. Who developed the program and who the audience was, however, was unclear.

Was this a program developed and paid for by American Public Radio, held for some reason at Middlebury, and does that account for students at other campuses being involved in the summary questions? Who chose the topic, paid the costs, and arranged the speakers and the audience?

I ask because South Africa is another of the issues that seem to sweep with astonishing speed across college campuses, building in the process huge social pressures for some one specific point of view,

despite the complexity of the questions involved. I also ask because I think that as a matter of editorial practice, sponsorship details should be included in anything like the symposium report.
JANE LAUX HOLT '46
Bronxville, N.Y.

We apologize if the backing for "South Africa: A National Collegiate Symposium" was unclear. The event was jointly organized and sponsored by American Public Radio (through Minnesota Public Radio) and Middlebury College, supported, in part, by a grant from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. American Public Radio affiliate stations around the country set up telephone links to Middlebury, allowing students from other colleges and universities to ask questions of the panelists. Middlebury helped put together the educational event, President Olin Robison told the audience that evening, because "the complex situation in South Africa raises enormous concerns touching our country and our campuses." College-wide discussion and concern about South Africa at Middlebury, he noted, dates back at least ten years.

Support for the decision to divest
Editor: I was glad to read, finally, of Middlebury's decision to divest its holdings in companies doing business in South Africa (Autumn 1986 issue). The change in policy is a step in improving the future for blacks in South Africa. The vote of the Board of Trustees in January 1986 was irresponsible and a great disappointment to me. I had hoped that Middlebury College was above such "racist mentality."

Daily we read reports of growing unrest and violence within the despicable system of apartheid. Yet we also see companies such as Coca-Cola and GM waking to the reality and taking positive action to change that reality. Let us keep Middlebury at the front of such change. Let us not be fooled by the Sullivan Principles. Let us hear what South Africa's blacks are saying.

Yes, we should divest. Many students, faculty, and alumni demanded it the first time around. Middlebury cannot afford to be wrong on the first vote.
JANET SMALL '85
Claremont, Calif.

Sweats and English papers can coexist
Editor: I would like to record my distress at Middlebury English Professor Elizabeth

TAX-WISE GIFTS

By Jane Bryant Quinn '60

Looking ahead to leave something behind

You can't take it with you. But you can forever leave your name behind, by adding Middlebury College to your will.

Gifts by will are becoming a natural extension of alumni generosity. Needless to say, they're essential to the health and vitality of the College. Beyond that, they provide alumni with the personal satisfaction of linking their names—or the names of someone they want to honor—to Middlebury, in a permanent way.

Over the first three years of the Campaign for Middlebury, testamentary gifts have accounted for roughly $7 million, or 24 percent of all individual gifts.

Here are three recent examples of what's being done:

—Lois Eddy '41, a librarian and tour guide at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, gave $20,000 under her will as an unrestricted gift. She was active in College affairs, serving both as Class Agent and Class Secretary.

—F. Carl Whitney '18 created the "F. Carl Whitney Memorial Scholarship Fund," with a $10,000 bequest. Mr. Whitney was a chemical engineer.

—Douglas Mendel '42 left a $220,000 bequest that expanded the East Asian Studies program and established a named scholarship fund for students studying East Asia. A political scientist, Dr. Mendel was a Fulbright Professor in Taiwan and taught at UCLA and the University of Wisconsin. In 1963, he wrote, "I owe all of my career to Middlebury." With his gift, he said, he was returning something to the College which gave him so much.

Some alumni leave a dollar amount in their wills. Some leave the College a specific property. Some give a percentage of their estate, or make Middlebury the beneficiary of a trust set up at their death.

As usual, there's a tax angle. The gift is deductible by your estate and reduces any estate taxes you might owe.

Unrestricted gifts are especially useful. They free the Trustees to put your money to the most prudent use, within the framework of the College's overall financial plan. But Middlebury welcomes—in fact, encourages—bequests that create named endowment funds for always-prudent purposes like scholarships and professorships.

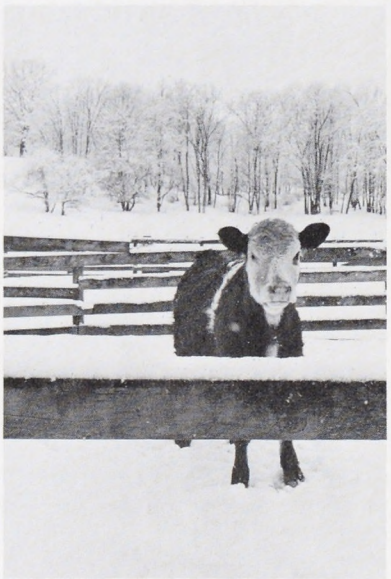
Do let the College know if you're planning a bequest. Gordie Perine of the development staff can answer your questions and help with specific testamentary language.

The staff is bursting with ideas for tailoring bequests to fit your financial and family situation. And—very important if you're considering a restricted bequest—they'll work with you, to be sure that the College can fulfill the purpose you intend to support.

An institution like Middlebury has to look far into the future—preparing itself for generations of students yet unborn, your descendents and mine. Gifts by will are one way that we, as alumni and friends, can serve those students, too.

If you'd like some help writing Middlebury into your will, you can contact Gordie Perine, at the College's development office, (802)388-3711 ext. 5181.

This is another in a series of columns by Jane Bryant Quinn '60 on how you might give to Middlebury. One of the nation's top reporters on personal finance, Quinn writes columns for Newsweek *and* Woman's Day, *and her twice weekly column for the* Washington Post *is syndicated to more than 125 newspapers. She also reports for* CBS Evening News. *Her guide to personal finance,* Everyone's Money Book *(Delacorte Press), is available in paperback.*



The Christian A. Johnson Memorial Gallery in 1967

Twenty years ago if you had wanted to visit the art gallery at Middlebury College, you couldn't. There was none.

Today, thanks to the generosity of the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation, numerous alumni, and many others, the Johnson Gallery flourishes. Where there used to be no permanent collection, today there is one that includes the work of Rembrandt, Picasso, and Calder. Each year the gallery presents numerous exhibitions. Each year the gallery sponsors receptions, lectures, dinners, and outings. Each year the gallery encourages those interested in the visual arts at Middlebury to become members of the Friends of Art.

It's easy to join us. A single membership is $15; family membership is $25. And by doing so you can see your membership dues go exclusively toward the purchase of works of art for the gallery. Membership benefits include a semi-annual newsletter alerting you to gallery exhibitions and programs, exhibition posters, catalogues, and invitations to gallery events.

Checks should be sent to Friends of Art, Middlebury College, P.O. Box 500, Middlebury, VT 05753-9990. Or call Helen Marsh, Johnson Gallery, (802) 388-3711, ext. 5235.

Napier's letter in the Autumn 1986 issue. The letter expresses distress that a supposedly "damaging and tiresome stereotype" had been applied to an athletic English major, cross-country runner Dorcas DenHartog, in an article in the Spring 1986 issue.

I admit that describing someone as a "poster child" for the disease "Middlebury" was a poor attempt at humorous description, but I think that's all it was. Aside from that poor analogy, though, the offending paragraph seemed to be simply saying that Ms. DenHartog fit right in, including the fact that she "enjoys the academics." There are certainly a handful of students at any school that put athletics above academics, but most of the students at Middlebury can wear sweats and write an English paper at the same time! I, for one, really enjoyed (and now miss) the healthy environment and athletic-mountain-prep dress style at Middlebury and don't consider either as negative in any way—except that having everyone dress that way could promote stifling homogeneity.

Frederick P. Andresen '80
Diamond Bar, Calif.

It's not trivial to us

Editor: In a recent sports trivia column that appeared in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, Middlebury is listed among 23 colleges that have produced football-playing Rhodes Scholars.

Who was this football-playing Rhodes Scholar? Where did he come from? What were his activities as an undergraduate? When did he graduate? What career did he pursue? Where is he now?

I am certain this information would be of interest to your readers.

Eugene Thiele '32
Port Charlotte, Fla.

Quarterback John Chalmers '38 directed the 1936 Middlebury football team to an undefeated season. The next year he was picked as a Rhodes Scholar. After his visit to Oxford, he went on to get his Ph.D. in economics from Cornell. He is now a professor of economics and finance at Kansas State University, and last October he returned with 18 members of his 1936 team for a Homecoming reunion at Middlebury (see this issue, page 9, and Winter 1986, page 43).

A thank you from CC&P

Editor: On behalf of all of us in the Career Counseling and Placement Office, I want to express our thanks to alumni who play a vital role in our programs and activities. Providing the latest and most up-to-date career information is one of our most important tasks, and at the heart of this effort are the Middlebury alumni who speak with students about career experiences. The computer in Adirondack House listing alumni by occupation is one of the most heavily used resources in this office.

If there are alumni/ae who haven't been called upon and wish to serve as a career advisor, I'd like to hear from you. On the other hand, if a present advisor wants some "time off," I'd like to know that, too. Middlebury alumni are among the most active in the country at giving our students good career information, and this is appreciated by all of us.

STEPHEN JOHANSSON
Director, Career Counseling and Placement
Middlebury College, Vt.

Can you top this?

Editor: The *Midd Update* item (November 1986) about Jennifer Blake, the new alumni office staffer, and the note that she lived in the Batts for three of her four year was interesting, but not a record. My wife, Marilyn Clements Helmers '73, lived in the Batts four consecutive years. Her reprieve came in her fifth year, when she lived in Kelly.

The reason for the fifth year, by the way, was that she was one of the first administrative interns in the dean's office (Cynthia Bear '73 served with her), which meant she split her senior year over two years and worked half-time—a bit of Midd trivia.

SCOTT HELMERS '73
Andover, Mass.

Coney Island Babe hasn't changed

Editor: I noted with pleasure the photo of the alumni Dissipated Eight in the November issue of *Midd Update*. It triggered the memory of an as yet unheralded moment which occurred at my 35th reunion the previous June. The class of 1950 was gathered in the Gifford lounge after our banquet, when in came the Dissipated Eight students to regale us in song, which they did admirably. I took the moment to present them with a tape made from a 1948 recording of the ASP Octet, Middlebury's first musical eight. They in turn gave me and Don Stillman '50 their latest album. I explained to the gathering that the ASP Octet had rehearsed every night

from 10 to 11 right there in that very Gifford lounge.

Following this little ceremony, Don and I joined the group in "Coney Island Babe." The arrangement hasn't changed a bit over the years.

The ASP Octet began in 1947-48 under the direction of Phil Hoffmire '49, who with help from a few others wrote many of the original arrangments. Our finest hour probably came during Winter Carnival '49, when there wasn't any snow. The College asked us to entertain in the Chapel. We sang our entire repetoire, about 22 songs, with repeats for encores.

AL CRAZ '50
Blue Point, N.Y.

From a class poet

Editor: Lyle Glazier '33 sent me the enclosed poem written by his wife, Amy Niles Glazier '33. We thought you might like to print it after the first anniversary of the Challenger tragedy.

Amy was our class poet in 1933. Lyle was writing to tell us that she had had a stroke in October and was in the hospital in Bennington. We heard from him again today that she is now home, getting around in a wheelchair. She is apparently making a remarkable recovery; she helps him getting meals, dries the dishes, and holds up her end in backgammon.

PHILIP AND HELEN EASTON CARPENTER '33
Wakefield, R.I.

Christa McAuliffe

To dream, to dare, to learn, to give,
To lead the way, to open doors
She had been chosen from her peers.

She saw the world not circumscribed
By time-worn ways. She boldly sought
Knowledge where few had gone before,
Ideas waiting to be taught.

Her step was confident; her smile
Was for the ones she loved and served.
Eager for work, her lesson planned,
Her firm resolve had never swerved.

And if she did not live to tell
Of velvet black and shining blue,
The peace of freedom from earth's grasp,
Her untaught lesson still comes through:

She showed to each of us the need
To dream, to dare, to learn, to give,
To probe the new and test the old,
To seek adventure while we live.
—Amy Glazier '33

GRADUATION GIFTS

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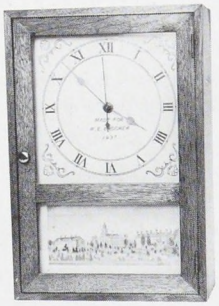

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AROUND THE HILL

Compiled by Ed Ernst, Mary Ruth Yoe, and Leslie Virostek '88

It's all downhill from here

At the end of winter term in January, 40 or so new Middlebury graduates—most of whom entered as February freshmen four years ago—started what may become a tradition. They designed their own graduation march—a cap-and-gown ski down the Snow Bowl (see inside front cover).

After snaking down the hill single file, the class assembled (photo at right) to receive fake diplomas from director of residential life Frank Kelley. (They'll get the real thing in the mail or at Commencement on May 22.)

"How's it feel to ski as an alumnus?", one new graduate asked another. The response: "I hear it costs a lot more." (Students, of course, ski all winter for only $50.)

Live from Moscow, it's Saturday Night

With a pricetag of $27,000, bringing Soviet television to Middlebury costs a bit more than installing cable and HBO. But Tom Beyer, associate professor of Russian and dean of the Russian School, says the product is definitely worth the expense.

Language and culture change quickly, notes Beyer. Even the best textbooks are outdated before they're printed. Television programming, on the other hand, gives immediate insight into the culture that produces it. Faculty and students at Middlebury—historians, political scientists, performing arts specialists, as well as Russian language students—will be able to see everything from Vremya (the Soviet news program), to soap operas, to speeches from Mikhail Gorbachev, to ballet performances, concerts, and theater. "What we'll really have," says Beyer, "is a window into Soviet life and the minds of the Soviet people."

One problem to overcome: There's no Soviet *TV Guide* available. The Soviet network announces the next day's programming at the end of each broadcast day. These previews will be monitored, perhaps by videotaping (the time differential is another problem), and the information will be passed along and posted.

Middlebury joins about a dozen American colleges and universities that already watch Soviet television. Developed and shared by Creighton University, the reception system consists of three major pieces of equipment, the most obvious being the large satellite dish (16 feet in diameter) stationed behind Sunderland. The dish must turn to follow the four *Molniya* satellites that bounce the Soviet signal, and an Apple computer does the adjusting. Finally, a standards converter turns the signal into something that can be watched on an American television.

Once converted, the Soviet television signal will be piped into a lounge in Sunderland for public watching. Because of the time differential (11 to 15 hours), the broadcasts start late in the afternoon Middlebury time, and go off early in the morning. A video tape recorder will be kept handy.

Jim Dodge, the technical specialist who watches over Middlebury's high tech film and video equipment, installed the system. He had it up and running by mid-winter, for a spring term course. It's a tried and true system, he says, and now installed, "The biggest maintenance problem should be sweeping snow out of the dish."

Jordan to speak at Commencement

Teacher, civil rights advocate, and former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan will address the Class of 1987 and receive an honorary degree at Middlebury Commencement on May 22. In making the announcement to the faculty in January, President Olin Robison called Jordan,

Ed Ernst

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"one of the truly great Americans of our day."

Jordan served in the U.S. Congress for three terms as representative from the Texas 18th district, from 1973 to 1979. Since 1982, she has held the Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy at the University of Texas at Austin. She joined the university in 1979 as Lyndon B. Johnson Public Service Professor. Jordan has run her own law practice, and she has served as a Texas state senator. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Southern University and a law degree from Boston University.

During her time in Congress, Jordan was known for her eloquence, her fairness, and her concern for human rights. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, she played an important role in the early Watergate hearings. Among her major achievements were amendments to the Voting Rights Act which expanded its coverage and provided for bilingual ballots, and legislation mandating civil rights enforcement procedures for the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Dorm damage increases—and it's hard to say why

When residential life deans—including Middlebury's associate dean of students Karl Lindholm and director of residential life Frank Kelley—from 14 New England colleges met in November to discuss alcohol use on college campuses, one particular sidelight got some notice. Virtually all the colleges reported a substantial increase in dormitory damage last fall.

The dormitory damage problem at Middlebury prompted a lot of formal and informal discussion last fall that culminated, in December, in a detailed report from the Community Council of faculty, administration, and students. The report outlined the extent of the damage problem and offered some proposals on how to address it.

Residential life director Kelley and the College building staff routinely inspect for damage during the school year, billing and fining individuals or, if an individual can't be singled out (as is usually the case), an entire floor or dormitory. And last fall it was the increase in Kelley's numbers that first created a stir. In September and October 1985, Kelley's office billed for $1,400.84 in repairs and $100 in fines; for the same period in 1986, bills for damage totalled $5,201.35 and for fines $1,622.95.

Why the big jump? The explanation of choice is that because the new Vermont alcohol law has raised the drinking age to 21, students—especially underage freshmen—are doing more drinking in the dorms. Kelley agrees that a lot of damage can be attributed to alcohol: "Abusive drinking leads to abusive behavior." But he notes that even in New England states where the drinking law was changed several years ago, the colleges are reporting more damage this year—continuing a trend of recent years. "There seems to be something in the wind," Kelley says, "some tension in this group of young people that is causing some of them to act—at times—in an irresponsible fashion."

Whatever the reason, the culprits are hard to catch. Most of the damage problems, according to the Community Council report, "are caused by males who have been drinking excessively, and we believe that at most 10 percent of the student body is responsible." But when Kelley's office bills for damage, they can bill individuals only 14 percent of the time.

The College has already taken some action. One approach has been through an aggressive "consciousness raising" campaign. Kelley's office put paper tents on dining hall tables listing the dollar amounts billed to each dormitory. House directors began posting bills for damage around dormitories and called meetings to discuss the problem. A front page article in *The Campus* presented some of the embarrassing numbers and ideas for combatting the problem—among them, Kelley's suggestion that the College charge only the men in a dormitory for damage. Student Forum discussed the problem, and at the all-College faculty-student department meetings in November, dorm damage was the main topic of discussion.

Other ideas have included putting recreational equipment—ping pong and pool tables—in the dorms; Kelley is looking into this. For the first time in several years, elected dorm councils are being formed, and the hope is that these groups can be used to provide more peer leadership. Plans for a new Student Center are advancing, and the new building, an addition to Proctor Hall, is expected to become the focus for badly needed non-alcholic social programming.

The Community Council report recommended more direct measures—like expanding and simplifying the system of fines. An automatic $50 fine will now be assessed to anyone caught tampering with fire safety equipment; an automatic $25 fine will be assessed for any damage construed to be intentional, malicious, or reckless. Theft or damage to College property, recognized as an offense in the College *Handbook*, should more regularly be subject to action by the Judicial Council, the report suggests. And the Judicial Council should exercise its occasional use of "creative punishments to fit the crime."

Some of the Community Council's suggestions will be harder to implement, because they will cost money. The report proposes adding another security guard on evening patrols, adding a full-time programmer to the Student Activities Office staff, and increasing the numbers of house directors and junior counselors.

Various estimates on the actual cost of repairing dorm damage at Middlebury, says the Community Council report, range from $18,000 to $100,000 a year. Dean of the College John Emerson puts the figure in the $50,000 range. "The extent of damage in residential areas poses a very serious problem in our community," says the report. "We believe that many students and other members of the community have reached their levels of tolerance for this problem."

Homecoming—and the 1986 Alumni Achievement Awards

Writing in *The Campus*, Karen Benfield '88 reported that the visitors from Colby College "were the only ones who didn't have a good time." Maybe that had something to do with the 20-0 whitewash Colby's team suffered at Middlebury's hands in the 1986 Homecoming football game?

On a crisp October day (everyone wore sweaters, Benfield notes), 800 alumni, parents, and friends returned for Homecoming weekend, and while a football victory (or a field hockey or soccer victory) isn't essential for a good time, as Alumni Director Hugh Marlow '57 notes, "It sure helps."

One special event at this Homecoming: The College invited back to campus the members of the undefeated 1936 football team (see "Pittsburgh Won the Rose Bowl—But Who Cared?", Winter 1986, page 43), and 18 of them took the field at half-time.

A Renaissance hop

They read Castiglione's *The Courtier*; they heard lectures by historian Pardon Tillinghast, music historian Gary Towne, art historian Kit Wilson, and Ugo Skubikowski of the Italian department. But students in an interdepartmental winter term course on the Renaissance had to do much more.

They had to learn to dance pavanes, galliards, and suites—and they had to perform in public. (Only a few of the students had any dance experience whatsoever.)

At the "Renaissance Ball" which ended the course, Susan Bindig, visiting from New York University to handle the dance portion of the course, gave some background before each dance. In the "Horse Branle," for example, the audience could note "the stomping of feet which mimes the pawing of the ground by a horse." The galliards featured sprightly jumping—and included the opportunity for dancers to create their own individual solo steps.

The dance practice was demanding: an hour and a half a day, three days a week at the end (that in addition to a two-hour lecture). As freshman Liz Zale said, after the ball: "That didn't leave much time to ski."

What did the dancing teach them about the Renaissance? Carrying oneself with a courtier's grace while hopping about in the galliard was a challenge, said sophomore John Viechnicki: "You have to have sort of a stuck-up attitude. You act dignified no matter what happens." Said Zale: "It's art, but you try to make it look effortless."

Saturday night the Middlebury College Alumni Association held a banquet for alumni and the five winners of the 1986 Alumni Achievement Awards, given to alumni who have made distinctive contributions to society and the world, "in ways which reflect credit on this College." This year, five award plaques and replicas of Gamaliel Painter's cane went to:

—Herbert J. Broner '49. "In an era when we regularly turn to Japan and the Harvard Business School to identify the rudiments of effective management," President Olin Robison said in presenting Broner's award, "we find in Herb Broner a home-grown, self-taught original example of effective, creative, and humane corporate leadership." As a people-oriented president, chairman, and chief executive officer of Mohasco Corporation, Broner heads one of the country's leaders in the durable-goods field, a company known to consumers through trade names like Barcalounger and Mohawk Carpets. Last year Broner was named one of the nation's top CEOs by *Financial World Magazine*, and in November he received the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award.

—Patricia Sherlock Davidson '59. "She has kept teachers fresh, students interested," said President Robison, "and has sent thousands of parents scrambling to back-to-school nights to gain an understanding of Cuisenaire rods, fraction bars, chip trading, and geoboards." Davidson, a professor of mathematics and computer science at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, is a leader in mathematics education, teaching and inspiring mathematics students and their teachers. She has also contributed to pioneering neurological research, Robison noted, expanding "our understanding of the process of mathematical reasoning and comprehension."

—James S. Davis '66. "They don't say New Balance," Robison told the audience, "until Jim's feet say they say New Balance." In the early '70s, Davis purchased a 65-year-old firm known primarily for making orthopedic shoes. By 1976 it was producing a running shoe that *Runner's World* rated the best available. New Balance now produces 10,000 pairs of shoes a day and employs nearly 800 people in its Allston, Mass., factory, and it also has several other domestic and foreign plants. "Competing in the Boston Marathon," Robison said, "has nothing on competing in the running shoe business today." Davis has helped keep "the name of New Balance out front."

—Frederick C. Dirks '30. Dirks, said Robison, "is an outspoken proponent of the need for economic literacy." From 1950 to 1975, he held senior research posts at the International Monetary Fund, providing the economic analysis behind IMF policy decisions that helped guide the world economy through recovery after World War II and then through an astonishing period of growth. Dirks is committed to economics education; on Homecoming weekend, he completed arrangements on a $500,000 gift to Middlebury that will create the F.C. Dirks '30 Professorship in Economics and Political Science.

—Claire Waterhouse Gargalli '64. "She entered banking with few career aspirations and was assigned to those jobs from which there was little hope of advancement," Robison said. But 20 years later, Gargalli was appointed president of Pittsburgh's Equibank, making her the highest-ranking female bank officer in the

U.S. Under her leadership, Equibank has moved forward with a plan to raise $100 million in new capital. The bank has branches in 55 Pittsburgh-area communities, and it has recently expanded into the Philadelphia market. Gargalli, Robison said, offers this advice to men and women: "You won't be accepted if you can't do the job."

Learning about *Glasnost*—first hand

While preparing for his winter term course on the Soviet Union, history professor David Macey requested a visit with *Moscow News* when his class of 40 students traveled to Moscow. "It's become one of the Soviet Union's most interesting newspapers," Macey says. The paper is published in five languages, including English. It's often used to supplement language instruction, and it circulates, primarily among students, throughout the Soviet Union (it can also be found on the Moscow street stands in Russian). In keeping with the new Soviet government policy of *glasnost*, or "openness," *Moscow News* has solicited writing from Western critics of the Soviet Union.

Moscow News international affairs editor Vladimir Brodetsky accepted Macey's request for a visit—and the paper transcribed and printed the question and answer session with Middlebury students, running a picture with the article. The students asked about how *glasnost* has changed Soviet journalism—more articles from foreigners—and about *Moscow News* coverage of the Chernobyl and Challenger disasters. When asked, "How much of what you write is censured?", Brodetsky replied: "Everything containing state secrets is banned from the press. On this we're no different from any other country, including the U.S.A. But there is a difference in the following: we ban propaganda which promotes war, violence, hatred, humiliation."

Macey's class spent three weeks in the Soviet Union, traveling to Moscow, Leningrad, and Vladimir/Suzdal in the Russian republic, Tbilisi in Georgia, and Tallinn in Estonia. The group hit all the usual tourist stops—the Hermitage and Puskin art museums, the Kremlin, the Gumme department store, historial monuments, churches, and ballet and music performances. But working through the Citizen Exchange Council of New York, private visits were arranged between students and

A series of loose connections

The Mead Chapel audiences weren't quite as large as had been hoped. But the lectures and discussions in the first Freshman Convocation Series, held during the winter term, were provocative and stimulating, and the series was judged to be a success by its creators. "It was an experiment. We didn't know if anyone would show up," says John McCardell, dean of academic planning. Eric Davis, associate professor of political science and chair of the Educational Council, agreed: "We learned a few things that will help us when we do it again next year."

The all-College lecture series was intended to create a focus for winter term and so promote greater intellectual community at Middlebury. In the future, the lectures, which are supported, in part, by a grant from the Pew Memorial Trust to try out new ideas in the freshman year, will probably be built around a common theme.

This year, however, there were several themes. Lectures by Ernest Boyer of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, *New York Times* education editor Edward Fiske, and Middlebury associate professors Bob Prigo (physics) and John Elder (English), focused on the state of liberal arts education around the country—and at Middlebury. A concert of Mozart works by the Meliora String Quarter, in residence at Middlebury for winter term, and a showing of the film *Amadeus* created a "Mozart Day" on campus. The Rev. Leon Sullivan, author of the so-called Sullivan Principles, talked about his ten-year campaign for responsible corporate behavior regarding South Africa investments and holdings. And Jewell Jackson McCabe, black activist and founder of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, spoke as part of Middlebury's Martin Luther King Day events.

Detailed coverage of Ernest Boyer's visit to campus can be found on page 36 (a complete text of his remarks and the discussion which followed is available by writing the *Magazine*). Here are a few highlights from other lectures:

Technology and the liberal arts

Coming to Middlebury to talk about liberal arts education, said *New York Times* education editor Edward Fiske, "I feel like I'm bringing coals to Newcastle."

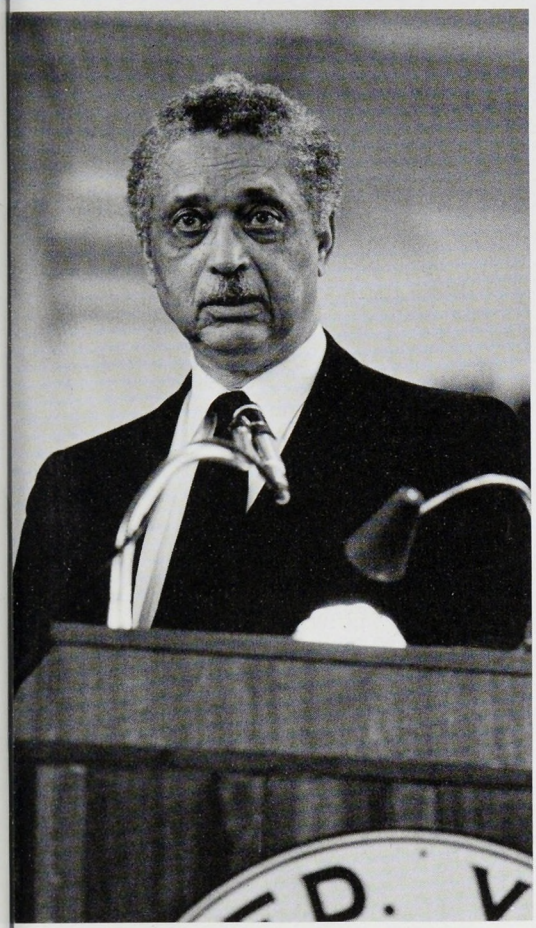
"For a journalist," Fiske said, "liberal arts is almost a trade degree." A Wesleyan graduate, Fiske said his liberal arts studies taught him "disciplined curiousity" and "how to put things in perspective." Those are skills useful in many professions, in fact, and Fiske had good news for Middlebury. He had just written a front page story for the *Times* announcing that "the liberal arts are back in favor." Colleges around the country are requiring more general education, and liberal arts degrees are once again popular with students—and with employers.

Fiske did have some qualifications in his praise of liberal arts education. "What passes for liberal arts in a lot of places—and Middlebury is a notable exception in this regard—doesn't do the job," Fiske said. He worries about the way the liberal arts on many college campuses fail to make connections to the outside world. The biggest challenge facing the liberal arts, Fiske argued, will be in defining its relationship to an increasingly technological world. Fiske noted that a number of liberal arts proponents have argued that "engineering ought to be seen as a liberal arts discipline": "Engineers know there is no such thing as a perfect bridge. There is a best bridge to fit a situation. As an engineer, you work with values, and you weigh the relative success of different solutions to a problem."

Turning up the heat on South Africa

The Rev. Leon Sullivan is working under his own deadline. If the South African government doesn't make a significant move to dismantle its apartheid policies by May 31 of this year, Sullivan will ask American corporations to sell off their holdings in South Africa.

Over the last ten years, Sullivan has worked, as he says, "to make American coporations part of a process of change in South Africa." His Sullivan Principles, which require things like equal employment practices and "corporate civil disobedience" by American businesses in South Africa, have set increasingly tough standards for responsible corporate behavior. But the stubborn intransigence of South Africa's government and its ruling white minority, Sullivan says, requires still stronger pressure. He wants stronger sanctions against South Africa from the U.S. and the world community—and more pressure from American business. "Money," said Sullivan, "will talk in



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South Africa more than anything else."

In contrast to some of the speakers at Middlebury's South Africa Symposium in October, Sullivan sounded optimistic about the situation. "As I see it, there is movement in South Africa, and I believe it is in the right direction," Sullivan said. "Peaceful resolution is still possible. It's time for us to make the final push. Let us get on with the job."

Sullivan also took a few minutes to warn his audience about racial pressures building in the U.S. Unemployment among blacks in American cities stands at over 50 percent, with a third of black Americans living below the poverty line. "If most of you had to live in the conditions under which many black people live, you'd either start a revolution or commit suicide," Sullivan said. "If things don't change in the next decade, we'll see upheaval and riots that will make the riots of the 1960s look like a children's picnic."

Everyone should be able to participate in prosperity. "Americans can do anything we want to do," said Sullivan. "The war on poverty was not a failure, it was brought to an end too soon."

And the U.S. must not just act at home. Sullivan called for a world crusade against poverty: "The enemy of capitalism isn't communism. It's the selfishness of many capitalists."

Hold fast the dream

"I think Martin Luther King would be quite disturbed today," Jewell Jackson McCabe told a Mead Chapel audience several days before the civil rights leader's birthday. "I think he would wonder where his dream had gone—and it was not an original dream."

McCabe's point was clear: King's dream had been the dream of generations of black men and women before him, providing roots of moral and political leadership that he and others could tap for strength. In 1981, for example, when she founded the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, McCabe deliberately drew upon "a great continuity of leadership among black women" to form an organization of influential women to help other black women gain economic and political power.

Such leadership depends, McCabe said, upon "an acknowledgment that one is part of the world and its problems; a feeling that you can give something back—and that doing something doesn't mean you have to give up something." It is a feeling, she believes, that too few young people have.

McCabe also chairs New York State's $205 million, 46-member Jobs Training Partnership Council, which provides job training for 50,000 people. But, she told her audience, "that 50,000 represents about 1 percent of those we could be serving—if they had the basic literacy required for the program."

In the question-and-answer period which followed her talk and again at a lunch attended by administrators, faculty, and students, McCabe was asked how colleges such as Middlebury could attract larger numbers of minority students. She urged recruiters to go beyond the high schools to minority communities—"to church groups, to community centers. Bring parents into the network."

Once minority students are on campus, she cautioned, other members of the college community should be careful not to overlook the diversity within the minority community itself. In the end, said McCabe, who graduated from Bard College, increasing minority representation at a college like Middlebury comes down to "hard work. I think if you want minority students, you can have them."

Practicing play

The connection between discipline and play, "the stage on which the creative process evolves," provides a common ground between their two fields of study, said associate professor of English John Elder and associate professor of physics Bob Prigo in a joint presentation.

Elder talked about metaphors, the mainstays of poetry, which he defined as "misapprehensions" and "mistakes" because they assert "identity between two different things." But metaphor can exist outside of poetry. If you work to look at the world through the glass of metaphor, "you will fall into errors that energize your mind." You will see "deep and perpetually surprising connections in the world."

Science, said Prigo, is also a world of "loose connections." Scientific discoveries grow out of such connections, because "you never know where they are going to lead"—and "once and a while loose connections become tight." Think of Da Vinci making an analogy between sound waves and light, Kepler applying the periods of the planets to musical scales, and Rutherford and Bohr picturing the atom as a tiny solar system.

The world of discipline and play implies practice; you have to get ready for the big game. And for both Prigo and Elder, practice of discipline means writing. "You can't separate process and product," said Elder. Students should play more with their writing, composing many drafts—especially since computer word processing makes such play easy. "You can take pressure off your first draft if you write a lot of drafts."

Prigo is a fan of the Brooklyn Bridge, and when you design such a great bridge, he said, "you have to think deeply about efficiency and economy. This idea has something to do with effective writing. It also has something to do with a great basketball player like Larry Bird. Near the end of the game, when the score is tied, that's when Larry Bird creates. Constraints are spurs to the imagination."

Writing, Elder said, "is a disciplined transaction in which you free yourself."

Soviet citizens—old and young, urban and rural, refuseniks and party members.

And, of course, it was an exciting time to be in the Soviet Union, even if just for a short visit. Macey and his students found many Soviet citizens skeptical about Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's aggressive reform campaign. But the Middlebury group also felt that Gorbachev commanded great respect from educated Soviet citizens who were not necessarily great Communist Party supporters.

One course requirement was that all the students keep diaries on the trip. Senior Barbara Marvin described a visit to Gumme department store. The store was crowded, she writes, "yet almost silent. People were waiting in lines for everything. I looked into the shoe store and saw ten different pairs of shoes. . . [But] they were the worst quality I had ever seen. . .. The line to buy these shoes was 30 people long. It was unbelieveable. All I could think of was that if I saw a line like that, I would not attempt to wait in it. We have it easy in America."

The cold weather—it was -30 degrees celsius—and the dreariness of Soviet life is a common theme in the diaries. But another common theme is the friendliness of the Soviet people: kopeks are shoved into students' hands as they board public buses, and the Soviets are always helpful with directions and with answers to more sensitive questions. Junior Marc Hirscfield visited a Soviet student named Paul: "His dorm room was not much bigger than a Battell room, plus he had three roommates. I wonder how Midd kids would react in such a situation. He scampered about to make us tea and made us feel at home in this tiny, cramped space. This hospitality is a part of the Soviet psyche. The people are not truly free and their pleasures arrive through such encounters, not trips to the Bahamas or lavish ski vacations."

Selections from the diaries, with an introduction from Macey, appeared in *Section 8*, the campus arts and letters monthly. The editors at *Moscow News* also expressed an interest in the diaries. Macey has sent some material off—and he's waiting to see what happens.

Does he carry American Express?

The rolls of current and former "Citizens of the World" list Albert Einstein, Albert Schweitzer, and Isaac Asimov, and current membership in the organization numbers over 300,000. And when World Citizen activist Garry Davis delivered his peace through world government talk at Middlebury in January, he declared a crowded Mead Chapel as "world territory."

Speaking at the invitation of the College Armadillos organization, Davis laid out his simple, if sketchy, proposal. He'd like all countries to give up national sovereignty and send representatives to an all-world constitutional convention, like the convention that produced the U.S. constitution.

"Nationalists are the enemies of humanity," said the balding, mild-mannered Davis, whose "World Passport" has been recognized by 150 countries (he has also spent time in 32 jails around the world for not carrying proper travel documents). The present nation-state system "institutionalizes national defense," which Davis calls "a euphemism for war." Peace is the only alternative, he argued, because in the 1980s, war means nuclear holocaust and elimination of the human species.

At least a few students were skeptical. How would a world government solve the problems, say, of the Middle East? Davis agreed that no new government could immediately rectify all of the world's ethnic and social disputes. But a world government would prevent nuclear war caused by nationalism—and so buy time to resolve the world's problems.

Davis uses postal and telephone systems as examples of "metasystems" which already override national boundaries. In today's global village, he said, "You have to take the world personally."

Tobacco sales kicked off campus

Campus smokers will have to walk at least a quarter-mile to purchase cigarettes, after a College decision to remove cigarette machines from campus property (including the Snow Bowl) and to stop selling all tobacco products at the College store.

The Community Council, composed of student, faculty, and administration representatives, passed a motion in October asking the College to outlaw tobacco sales on campus. The recommendation was passed on to President Robison, who delayed his approval of the recommendation until the Student Forum, Faculty Council, and Staff Council had discussed the matter. Only Student Forum voted against the proposal.

In a January letter to the campus community announcing the decision, President Robison stated that he hoped moving tobacco sales off-campus would discourage people from smoking. Dean of the College John Emerson suggested the move was primarily a "symbolic statement."

Smokers have accused the College of being paternalistic and of infringing individual's rights. But Emerson notes, "We don't sell beer in the College store, either, but we certainly don't prevent people from drinking it."

In fact, however, Community Council is already discussing restrictions on where people can smoke on campus. And the Work Environment Committee of the Staff Council has proposed a smoking policy similar to one in place at the University of Vermont. Each campus building would have at least one designated smoking area, but according to this Staff Council proposal, "Middlebury College. . . will be primarily a nonsmoking institu-

A different kind of food fight

The first Middlebury Food Fair was a hit, filling Proctor cafeteria to capacity and earning high praise from students. "It's a little too crowded," said sophomore Gaelin Benway, who was finishing off some zingy chicken wings. "But the food is excellent."

The food service invited 15 different vendors to offer products for a taste test evaluation from their ultimate consumers—Middlebury's students. A row of tables offered rice dishes from Uncle Ben's, Near East, and Chase-Kolbin. Weaver, Pierce, Banquet, and Tasty Bird offered brand-name chicken products. A number of local salad vendors were represented. And, to top it off, students had a pick of ice cream brands: Weeks, Ben and Jerry's, and Wilcox Brothers. Colored slips of paper listing each vendor's products were provided for student responses.

To some extent, agrees food service nutritionist Sylvia Geiger-Martin, it was a PR event. "We wanted students to know that on a regular basis—every day even—we evaluate different products," says Geiger-Martin. "And we also wanted to get more student input into that evaluation process."

Junior Valerie Remy and senior Marie Paquin share an ice cream cone at the first Middlebury Food Fair. The fair drew a crowd of 1,000 students, faculty, and staff.

Gary Starr, director of the food service, thinks the fair successfully brought home to students the fact that the food service serves brand name products. He's added a number of new items to the menu as a direct result of the fair—including chicken nuggets. Another big winner at the fair—and a product now on the Middlebury menu—was Near East-brand rice pilaf. As Geiger-Martin notes, "A lot of kids said, 'My mother gets this at home.'"

tion." Grace Oxford, an acquisitions librarian and chair of the committee, defends the proposal by citing "the Surgeon General's recent report that public smoking is dangerous to nonsmokers." The proposed regulations will be thoroughly discussed, Oxford emphasized, because sorting out the issues will be difficult.

Student Forum has appointed a committee to look into future smoking regulations. Student smokers say they find the idea of such regulations "scary" and "reminiscent of high school." Taking a different view, one smoker sighed, "I'm so sick of this health craze."

Stranger from abroad

In creating his six-part television documentary on the great social anthropologists, "Strangers Abroad," some choices were obvious, Oxford University's Bruce Dakowski told a Middlebury audience: Sir Baldwin Spencer, Franz Boas, Bronislaw Malinowski. He also knew he had to do a segment on Margaret Mead.

"She was neither a great field worker nor a great academician," said Dakowski, who lectured before showing each segment of the series as part of a winter term course. "But she made an important contribution, even if her work doesn't stand up to that of other great anthropolgists." When you talk to lay people about social anthropology, Dakowski noted, "They say, 'Oh, you mean Margaret Mead.'"

The documentary explores a little bit Mead's tremendous popularity. About *Coming of Age in Samoa* (1928), Dakowski said, "America was ready for it. The book suggested that adolescence could be different. It didn't have to be a time of turmoil." He touched only lightly on the controversy raised by anthropologist Derek Freeman, who claims Mead's representation of the carefree sexuality of Samoan adolescents was just plain wrong. "Her friends," Dakowski said, "felt it was a fair program."

As Dakowski did his research on Mead, his respect for her grew. He found that her recording of observations—volumes of carefully typed notes—was remarkable. She helped pioneer the use of film in anthropology (she even had herself filmed giving birth)—and for that Dakowski owes her a debt, because he uses some of her own footage and voiceover. Finally, Dakowski says, "I was astonished to discover how much I liked her friends. To have such friends, Margaret Mead must have been a sensational woman."

Year of the Chinese reunion

With the Chinese department's oldest graduates only a decade out of college, the stories that they told at the Chinese department's tenth-year reunion conference were from the trenches.

Want a business career in China, Taiwan, or Hong Kong? Stephen Maire '77, an East Asian buyer for Atlanta Speciality Retailing, told about the time he picked up an order of beautifully-made garments, nicely packed, as he had instructed, in hundreds of white boxes. But along with the size and color of the garments, each box was labelled, quite nicely, "White box." Vicki Hughes '78, until recently with General Electric Trading Company, described 14-hour train rides through Szechuan province during the height of the region's Indian summer. She did, however, get the royal treatment upon her arrival at a welding factory: "I don't think they'd ever seen a Western woman before."

It's easy to get caught up in the romance of China—but the demystification process can be disillusioning. American business relationships with China have just passed through such a period, said Ted Truscott '83, a banking officer with a New York-based bank.

When the Chinese government began to accept trade and partnership overtures from Western capitalists a few years ago, Truscott noted, American, Japanese, and European businesses jumped at the opportunity: "When business looks at China, everyone sees the numbers—one billion teeth to brush." But, Truscott continued, "the Chinese don't want to build up consumption." Those big numbers baited a trap for businesses out to make a quick killing, because the expected boom in trade with China hasn't materialized. China's real potential as a partner for American business is still 20 years down the

road, Truscott concluded. And if your company is not in position to pour money into China while taking "the long view," this probably isn't your game.

Maire, Hughes, and Truscott spoke at a conference panel on "Doing Business in and with East Asia." The three-day conference, held at Bread Loaf in October, drew 21 alumni. Students, faculty, and friends filled out audiences as big as 100 for the conference sessions—which ranged from a scholarly discussion on the changes in China since Mao's death, to a career workshop, to a general lecture on contemporary China and Japan by Harvard professor Ezra Vogel.

Middlebury professor John Berninghausen, who helped form the Middlebury program ten years ago, ended the conference with an impassioned plea to his current and former students. When China opened up to the West and Chinese programs really got started in American college and universities in the 1960s and '70s, he began, "there was a lot of good stuff to learn from China." In particular, "we learned about the Maoist focus on ordinary people, the nameless people who don't get the recognition they deserve."

If life in the business world—with its tempting financial recognitions—wasn't making his audience happy, he suggested, there is an alternative. He could use some help. The early graduates of programs like Middlebury's were seedcorn, and he's worried that this first generation isn't producing enough good teachers to perpetuate itself. "It's been a long time," Berninghausen said, in conclusion, "since I've heard anyone say, 'My career goal is to teach.'"

Good reason for a party

What's so great about a 10-record set of Austrian composer Alban Berg's complete published works? Well, if you're interested in 20th-century Austrian composers, it's an important collection. But if you're not, it may interest you to know that the set marked the Middlebury music library's 10,000th vinyl album acquisition. The music library commemorated the milestone with a December party.

Ten thousand records is reason for celebration, especially considering the library's humble beginnings. When he arrived on campus in 1965, explained music professor George Todd, "What we called the music library was just two or three hundred records." The department's secretary watched over the stack. There was no catalog. "Generally," said Todd, "we found something by remembering what the cover looked like."

In 1971, however, the department hired a music librarian, Kitty Skobela, and under her care the library became, well, a library. Now, if you count the 78 rpm disks, tape cassettes, reel-to-reel tapes, and the latest additions—compact disks—the library's recordings total nearly 11,000.

At the party, the Berg set was displayed on a table near the punch bowl. The ten record jackets picture glossy, color reproductions of different paintings by Egon Schiele, a contemporary of Berg. "Actually," music librarian Jerry McBride confessed, with a straight face, "we chose this set for its cover designs."

How many is too many on the Dean's List?

About half the Middlebury student body makes the Dean's List each semester, according to a report from the dean of students office. That report has stimulated discussion in faculty meetings and raised the issue of grade inflation in the Educational Council. At the very least the Council may suggest that the faculty toughen requirements for making the list.

Right now, students qualify for the Dean's List if all their grades are B- or higher.

Some argue that Middlebury has good students, and the fact that so many end up on the Dean's List shouldn't be a big surprise. But chair of the Educational Council and professor of political science Eric Davis, who first brought the matter to general attention at a November faculty meeting, says, "There seems to be some concern that the Dean's List is losing its value as an honorary distinction." Taking the same view, student Andy Merlis '88 spoke less diplomatically: "It's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard."

"I don't think it's that big an issue," says Dean of the College John Emerson. But he agrees with Davis that the appropriate number of students on the Dean's List should probably be one-third to one-quarter of the student body.

Is the evening news only skin deep?

It took Martin Koughan, a producer with the CBS Evening News, 30 minutes to tell a winter term class in "Politics and Journalism" what got left out of a two-and-a-half-minute story. That story, as Koughan sees it, "was about the failure of the Environmental Protection Agency" to ban dangerous chemicals used by the nation's food producers.

In its first draft, the story's script ran five minutes—"impossibly long for the nightly news." Sixteen tries later, Koughan had whittled it down to two

Sculpture-in-residence

Suspended upside down in the atrium of the Johnson building was a giant, four-sided pyramid, made of paper. From the floor, six tons of gray slate were stacked to form a cone that reached almost to the point of the pyramid. On the ledges around the atrium, there was grass, rocks and moss.

Visiting sculptor-in-residence Winifred Lutz didn't give it a name. But her "site-integrated" sculpture was the talk of the campus during winter term.

The College arranged for most of the materials, providing sod by putting a plastic covering over some lawn before the first snow, and trucking in Vermont slate. But part of the artistic process is improvisation, and so when she needed something, Lutz would head to the hardware store. A typical trip yielded two 20-lb. bags of potting soil, four ⅜-inch nuts (to go with ⅜-inch eye bolts already on site), and four turnbuckles.

Lutz, who also provided critique sessions for student sculptors and gave a slide-show lecture about her work, had to finish on time; she was booked for another sculpture "installation" at Baltimore's Maryland Institute of Art the day after her winter term stay at Middlebury. So when she ran behind schedule, a sign appeared: "Do not disturb Winifred."

What did the work signify? In her lecture, Lutz said she decided at age five while traveling through the Southwest that she wanted to be a sculptor, because, "I wanted to make mountains." Her Middlebury sculpture gave her a chance to do so; it clearly had something to do with the mountainous Vermont landscape.

But if you'd like to decide for yourself and didn't get to see it, you're out of luck. Photographs can't take it all in—and it was disassembled just before Carnival.

Winifred Lutz (right) hard at work.

pages. Working within the demands of the medium ("Television is linear narrative, it's the power of pictures"), he focused on just one chemical: daminozide, used to make apples red. Because the compound is systemic, its effects are more than skin deep. Heating apples—to make the apple juice and applesauce that are staples for young babies, for instance—produces a compound also used as rocket fuel.

That was reporter Bob Simon's lead and, says Koughan, that was where many viewers stopped listening. They didn't hear Simon talk about attempts by environmentalists and chemical industry representatives to work out compromises to existing, inadequate legislation. "I'd say only 10 percent of our audience understood the story," said Koughan. "The rest were saying, 'Alice, did you hear that—we're feeding our baby rocket fuel!'"

On the other hand, Koughan told the class, "about 100 people inside the Washington Beltway saw every subtlety in this piece—and didn't realize that everybody else had stopped paying attention." The day after the piece aired, he said, proposed legislation—which had found no place on the House calendar—was moved up to a top position.

Koughan, who wrote for the *Boston Globe* and the *Washington Post* before coming to television, also had a bit of career advice for the class (taught by Beth Karnes, who worked with Koughan and Bill Moyers at CBS before joining Middlebury as an assistant to President Robison last spring). He told the students: "Forget journalism school. Journalism school is common sense. You don't learn TV. You do TV."

Faculty notes

Juxtaposition and rupture: From the 17th to the 19th centuries, French poetry made sharp distinctions between elevated and low diction. Then, Hugo, Baudelaire, and Verlaine, to name a few, breached the code, introducing the colloquial and vulgar, argues associate professor of French Carol de Dobay Rifelj.

Rifelj's book, *Word and Figure: The Language of Nineteenth-Century French Poetry* (Ohio State University Press, 1987) shows how poets of the period raised different questions about the use of unconventional language in a highly conventional context. They sought to reject established rhetoric, to portray contemporary life, to criticize bourgeois society, to pursue originality, and to violate decorum. These poets played an important role in the development of modern poetry that looks to common language for its voice.

Panther in Vermont?: Harold B. Hitchcock, professor emeritus of biology, recently published a short monograph in *Vermont Natural History 1986* (Vermont Institute of Natural Science) that continues the ongoing debate over whether panthers still survive in Vermont. He tracks down reports of many sitings—including two in 1951 (one by Ralph Mhyre) just weeks apart at Bread Loaf. "Interviews and correspondence with certain individuals," Hitchcock writes, "convince me that what they have seen is the real thing—*Felix concolor*."

Four get tenure: Four Middlebury faculty members have been promoted to the

rank of associate professor, with tenure.

David Colander, economics. A prolific writer and editor who specializes in macroeconomic theory and policy, Colander's nine books include *Solutions to Inflation* (1979), *Selected Writings of Abba Lerner* (1983), and *Neoclassical Poltical Economy* (1985), in addition to numerous articles. A former Brookings Institute Policy Fellow with a PhD from Columbia, Colander wrote two columns last summer for vacationing *New York Times* economics columnist Leonard Silk.

Eric Nelson, art. Middlebury's primary sculpture teacher since 1978, Nelson holds MA and MFA degrees from the University of Iowa. He has had one-person exhibitions at the University of Kentucky, Colby-Sawyer College, Trinity College, and Middlebury. His work has been included in group exhibitions throughout the northeast, including New York City and Boston, and in the 1984 International Art Competition in Los Angeles, Calif. He received a Vermont Council on the Arts Fellowship in 1985.

Robert Osborne, psychology. A member of the faculty since 1979, Osborne received a PhD in experimental psychology from Ontario's McMaster University. His research looks at how sex and stress hormones interact to affect learning and memory. His articles have appeared in *Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology* and *Behavioral and Neural Biology*, and he recently received a $66,000 two-year grant from the National Sciences Foundation to continue his research.

Christopher K. Wilson, art. With degrees in history, religion, and Renaissance and American art (PhD Yale), Wilson has taught a wide variety of courses at Middlebury since 1979. An expert on 19th-century American painter John Quidor, Wilson has published articles on Quidor, Thomas Cole, Winslow Homer, and Frederick Church in *The American Art Journal* and other scholarly publications.

Church and field: Frederick Church's paintings are dotted with steeples—his personal symbol. In an article on Church that appeared in *The American Art Journal* last fall, associate professor of art Christopher Wilson argues that the Church painting "West Rock, New Haven (Haying near New Haven)" (1849) contains symbolic gestures towards Church's patron and friend Cyrus Field. Among other things, Church chose to paint a harvest scene, rather than the town of Waterville that sits below West Rock, in order to make an allusion to Field's name.

Better college counseling needed: Reports calling for educational reforms in our high schools have ignored an area—college counseling—that can serve as an important instrument for improving educational morale. The National College Counseling Project last fall released a report, *Frontiers of Possibility*, co-authored by Middlebury's director of enrollment planning Herbert Dalton, to fill that gap.

The NCCP surveyed over 2,000 high schools, pinpointing 115 exemplary programs, and making in-depth site visits to 13 schools from Maine to California. The researchers found college counseling to be especially inadequate in high schools serving lower income students. Dalton says that's a tragic situation, because "those students that need help the most are being helped the least." The report does note exceptions: a program at a Los Angeles high school, for example, has improved its college-going rate from 15 to 78 percent—and school morale has soared.

Citizen diplomacy: Middlebury College President Olin Robison has had first-hand contact with the new Soviet policy of "openness." Last fall he traveled to Vienna with a U.S. delegation to review international compliance with the Helsinki human rights accords. He returned with news of a change in the way Soviet spokesmen were working the press; they were talking with everybody, giving out phone numbers, promising to get back to people with answers—and doing so.

Then, in January, Robison traveled with several other American college and university presidents to Moscow, where they met for seven hours with Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov. Robison returned to the U.S. predicting the imminent release of Soviet "prisoners of conscience," an event which followed several days later. The changes in the Soviet Union, Robison told Ted Koppel in an ABC-TV "Nightline" appearance, are at this moment more for internal, than external consumption. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is "a frustrated politician, a man who's got a stagnant economy." He's trying to shake up the Soviet leadership and the Soviet people. "What he wants desparately to do," said Robison, "is to cause the Soviet people to think differently, to act differently, to work differently, and to produce more and better."

Growing up in Anthracite country: *The Patch Boys* (Holt), a second novel from Middlebury associate professor of English Jay Parini, appeared to good reviews last fall. A story about the coming-of-age of 15-year-old coal miner Sammy di Cantini, the novel is set in Pennsylvania mining country in 1925. It got special attention in *The Pittsburgh Press* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. The reviewer for the *Press* puts Parini's "coming-of-age" tale "on a par with such earlier books by James T. Farrell, Philip Roth, and J.D. Salinger." The *Inquirer* says "the price of the book is easily justified by the pleasure of meeting Mr. Will Denks," Sammy's Huck Finn-like best friend.

And a review in the *Los Angeles Times* says, "Parini relates Sammy's reminiscences in a down-home first-person idiom that clings to the memory as coal dust to a miner's overalls. With engaging simplicity, he lets events unfold against a backdrop of labor meetings, country baseball games played on old slag heaps, the smells and effects of 'still' home brew, the taste of fried bullheads, and the excitement of secret trysts at the swimmin' hole."

Honors: David Napier, Dana Faculty Fellow in art and anthropology, has received a one-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to complete a book he is writing entitled, *Notions of the Foreign*. Napier has also been awarded a visiting fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford, for fall 1987 term. . . .

Jane Margaret O'Brien, assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded a $77,974 grant from the National Institutes of Health to fund her research into steroid receptors. . . .

Susan Cook, assistant professor of music, has been elected to the board of the International League of Women Composers. She's the first non-composer to be elected. . . .

Robert Baker, professor of Russian, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, an organization which plays a major role in the shaping of foreign language instruction in American colleges and universities. . . .

Harold B. Hitchcock, professor emeritus of biology, recently received the Gerrit S. Miller Jr. Award from the North American Symposium on Bat Research. His special interest is the natural history of bat caves in the northeast. . . .

COLLEGE STREET BEAT

News that's not quite news

Mush!

"He's wearing green socks," someone says, pointing to Chaplain John Walsh, who, like many contestents in the human dogsled race, was competing sans shoes.

"Yeah, but that guy's not wearing any socks at all," somebody else observes, spotting a team member of "The Barefoot Wonderboys." He had finished his run on the rink and was hobbling to the bonfire to revive his blue toes.

The human dogsled race was part of the Winter Carnival Northern Lights festivities on the outdoor ice rink in front of McCullough gym. Other events on the rink included a Division I broom ball hockey game (B.Y.O. Broom) and the aptly named "slip and slide" relay race. Nearby, the treacherous Mead Chapel Hill luge course was the location for the sliding inner tube and freestyle tray competitions.

Whereas last year's Northern Lights are remembered for periodic eruptions of massive, chaotic snowball fights, this year's festivities were marked by the sheer number of wipe-outs, thanks to the uncommonly slippery ice. (Said one suspicious contestent: "It's never this smooth when we want to go skating.")

Figure-eight demolition derbies have never seen such pile-ups. Seeking more speed, one team after another—first, the Wonderboys, then "Walsh's Women," then "The Ice Fairies"—bravely gave up their boots because, "socks stick better." Once the human dogs picked up a head of steam, though, they discovered something else: These dogsleds had no brakes.

—Leslie Virostek

Erik Borg

Winter Carnival doesn't just mean ski racing. The human dog sled race was a highlight of the Northern Lights competition.

He was just passing through

When we arrived for our cross-country skiing lessons on the third Thursday in January, we got a surprise. Olympic silver medalist Bill Koch was visiting Bread Loaf's Rikert Touring Center—and he was playing teacher.

Class began with a training film prepared by Koch's sponsor, Rossignol skis. Senior Bram Kleppner, a pretty good skier who dropped in that day because he'd heard rumors that Koch might appear, described the film as "a bunch of guys with long legs skiing real fast." In fact, though, the subject of the film—and Koch's topic for the day—was skating, the revolutionary racing technique he pioneered.

Then it was out to the trails. Koch accepted all comers; the group ranged from Middlebury Nordic team members left behind from that week's carnival to slipping and sliding beginners.

How does Bill Koch teach the basic skate? Putting the group at the bottom of a hill to watch, he started up the hill with a herringbone. He began to plant his right pole hard and fall heavily over his right leg, exaggerating the normal herringbone step. Next he let that ski slide a bit with each step, and, while stepping off with his left ski, he began to push off strongly with both poles. He slipped up and down the hill several times, without effort.

Next it was our turn. Not everyone had such an easy time of it. But one hour later, under Koch's watchful eye, virtually everyone had it down.

The lesson over, Koch packed up his car and set off through a slowly building snowfall.

—ECE

SPORTS

Fred Beckham

Fall Review

By Max Petersen

Our best soccer team ever?

Taking a pass from sophomore Eric Vigsnes, senior forward Kevin McCarthy scored the game's only goal early in the second half, and the Middlebury men's soccer team closed out its most successful season ever by defeating Ithaca College, 1-0, in mid-November snow and ice to win the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Eastern championsip.

The team set a school record for most wins in a season with a 14-2-1 record. They earned their ECAC tournament berth as New England regional champions with a nail-biting, five overtime win over Connecticut College, 2-1.

Middlebury had a tough time scoring goals all season and had to pull out several one-goal victories, including a 2-1 overtime win over Dartmouth. But as Coach Dave Saward put it, "They believed in themselves and just never gave up in tight situations."

Senior midfielder Chris Parsons was voted team MVP. "From his position," said Saward, "Chris was never the guy who put the ball in the back of the net for us. But he was responsible for keeping the ball movement fluid up and down the field. He kept the team moving forward." On and off the field, Saward said, "he was our leader. He's what you call a player's player." Parsons was picked as a Div. III All-American, and was named to the All-New England Div. III first team.

Earning spots on the All-New England third team were freshman Ed Bump, senior captain Mike Brown (voted team's most inspirational player), and junior Marc Hirschfield, who led the team in scoring with seven goals. And for the second straight year, Saward was picked as New Engalnd Div. III Coach-of-the-year.

Junior Missy Boocock (left) shows off her stick work for the field hockey team.

Fred Beckham

Soccer MVP Chris Parsons

Field hockey ends a good year the tough way

Middlebury's field hockey women ended the season with a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Trinity College in the Northeast Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship game. But they were the first Middlebury team to make it to the final, and they posted an outstanding 8-2-3 overall record.

Along the way, the team presented coach Missy Hopkinson her 50th win at Middlebury.

Senior Heidi Ostrander, a regional All-American, finished as top scorer with eight goals. Senior Ellen Sheffield and junior Pam Lawson, daughter of athletic director Tom Lawson, scored four apiece. Senior goalie Kathy Desmond starred in goal, posting five shutouts and allowing less than a goal a game.

Max Petersen

Football wins the big one

The Middlebury football team closed its season on a positive note by rolling over Vermont-rival Norwich University 28-7, the 50th Middlebury win in the 95-game series. The last game victory raised the team's 1986 record to 4-4.

After opening the season with a 17-7 home loss to Williams, Middlebury then played its two most exciting games of the season. The Panthers came back from a two-touchdown deficit to beat Wesleyan, 22-21, as junior Steve Peterson intercepted a pass and ran 26 yards for a last-minute touchdown and senior halfback Charlie Burchard romped around right end for a two-point conversion. The next week, Amherst turned the tables on Middlebury, driving 90 yards in the last two minutes to pull out a 24-21 decision.

Two strong wins, 23-12 over Bates and 20-0 over Colby at Homecoming, were followed by lopsided losses to Hamilton, 51-14, and Union, 32-0.

On offense, Burchard led the team in scoring, with 32 points, and rushing, with 299 yards on 88 carries. On defense, senior James Harasimowicz intercepted four passes.

Erik Borg

DenHartog leaves young cross-country teams with a lesson

Senior Dorcas DenHartog, the defending Division III national cross-country champion, made the first big mistake of her career in her final race.

Defending her title at the Div. III nationals, she jumped off to a fast start with 1984 champion Julia Kirtland, who had finished second to DenHartog last year. They led by 40 meters at the mile, but the torrid pace took its toll and both runners faded. DenHartog finished the 5,000-meter race in 26th place.

Still, it was a good season for DenHartog, who went almost two years without being beaten by a Div. III runner. She led her young team to a win in the Albany Invitational, setting a course record.

Sophomore Will Beebe took second in the Vermont state meet, leading the men's team to a second place finish. Beebe also nosed his way onto the list of the fastest 25 times ever run on Middlebury's home course.

DenHartog was the only senior among the top runners for either the men's or women's teams. Sophomore Caroline Biddle, who finished tenth at the Albany meet, will lead the women next year. Beebe and Scott McBurney, another sophomore, will lead the men.

Women's tennis takes seven straight

Placing fifth in a 22-team field at the New England Tennis Championships, the women's tennis team capped a successful 8-2 season. The team started the season with seven straight wins, including a 5-4 win over Dartmouth.

Senior co-captain Bess Cromwell, the team MVP for the last two years, closed out her career with a four-year singles record of 53 wins and 22 losses. Senior Patti Ricciardelli posted a perfect 6-0 record. Juniors Amy Sheldon, who came on strong to post a 6-4 singles record, and Paula Ricciardelli will be co-captains next year.

Men's golf improving

The men's golf team struggled through a rebuilding year under junior captain Jerry Fryberger.

The linksmen finished 11th in their own Duke Nelson Invitational and took 23rd in a 39-team field at the New England championships. Sophomore Dave Wheeler led the team at the New Englands by placing 14th.

Erik Borg

A season of close ones for women's soccer

A 1-0 loss to Plattsburgh in the finale typified the women's soccer team's season. They had a tough time scoring goals, netting just 14 in 12 games and getting shut out five times.

Still, they barely missed recording a .500 season, finishing 5-7. Ann Battelle, only a sophomore, had a hand in most of the team's goals, scoring five and handing out as many assists. Freshman Kelly Smith and senior Helena Paulin, who shared the goal keeping, registered three shutouts and allowed just 1.5 goals a game.

Confessions of an English Major

A Middlebury student has a hard time explaining to the guys at the boat yard what's so great about English literature. Then again, it's hard explaining to English majors what's so great about a Laser stainless steel propeller.

By Leslie Virostek '88

Ed Ernst

. . . such intercourse was mine;
Mine was it in the fields both day and night
And by the waters, all summer long.
—Wordsworth

"So what are you going to school for," asks Dean Hazard, as he rolls open the third drawer of his huge "Snap-on Tools" workbench. He's the main mechanic at the boat yard where I have worked for the past three summers, Performance Marine in Oxford, Massachusetts, south of Worcester.

"English," I reply promptly, confidently. "I'm an English major."

He selects the proper monkey wrench from the neat rows of shiny tools and slides the drawer shut. "So, what are you going to be then," he asks, stepping over to a huge, coverless outboard motor held upright in a vice-like stand. "A teacher?"

"No," I answer with some degree of certainty. "I don't want to be a teacher."

Dean begins to work, his fingers moving deftly over the innards of this massive 150-horsepower Yamaha Pro-V engine, but his keen, hazel eyes are still on me, and I hedge. Whenever Dean questions me about school (which he does periodically just to torment me, I suspect), I think of all those axioms I've heard from parents, teachers, and administrators—all of the key phrases about expanding my mind, about learning to think and solve problems, about writing and speaking articulately, about how impressed prospective employers will be with my degree from such a "good school."

All of these statements make sense to me, but spoken in this busy boat yard, they would sound so abstract, so empty, and so odd, as if something in the very air there were altering them.

Leslie Virostek lives in Kensington, Conn., when she's not studying at Middlebury. Her essay first appeared in Section 8, *the student arts and letters newspaper.*

"I don't know," I continue lamely, aware that I'm copping out. "Maybe I'll be a journalist or something. Maybe I'll go to law school," I add, a phrase that has long been a standby response to such uncomfortable questions. I shrug, and perceiving that he'll get no more of an answer from me, Dean focuses his full attention on the engine.

"What's wrong with it," I ask, rising from my chair and approaching to get a closer look.

"Threw a rod," he replies simply, as if that explains everything. It doesn't. I shoot him a sarcastic look, and it's my turn to press for a difficult explanation. "Well, what does that mean?"

He points to a crack and a small hole in what should have been a smooth metal plate. "The rod blew. It went right through the powerhead, see? And along the way it wiped out the front mainfold, the reed valve assembly. . ." He names a few more parts which aren't gaskets or impellers or less complicated things which I know about, and I try to imagine what these interesting words look like in corporal form. "Hmmmmm," I say, not really understanding, but sort of getting the gist of it.

Dean just keeps working unconcernedly, and I return to my spectator seat against the wall. It does not worry him that I may or may not have understood his laconic explanation. I'm not expected to comprehend these things. That's not my job.

My job is to keep track of phone calls and files, to place classified ads, and to order parts and marine supplies over the phone and through the computer. I'm the "girl friday." I do everything from keeping office paperwork in order (a boat yard has piles of it) to making deposits at the bank. I get the mail at the post office and pick up parts at the hardware store. (All of this, mind you, in this big macho-he-man black pick-up truck, which all of the men in town find amusing.) I'm expected to come up with names and addresses for any customer we've ever had, and, if necessary, produce the serial numbers for any boat we've ever sold. I even have a beer at the end of the day (just one of the guys—almost).

But one thing that I am not expected to do is repair engines. As I always say to customers, "That's not my department."

I wish I did know how to fix engines—but I accept my inability to comprehend what Dean can grasp so easily. What sometimes does frustrate me, though, is that despite my training in language and communication, I cannot explain to Dean why I study what I do. If I were a biolgoy major with plans to go to medical school, I would not have to explain or defend my position. But to be an English major at a liberal arts school seems to require some kind of practical justification. In fact, there are times when I even have to defend myself at Middlebury. My next door neighbor in the North Dormitory, an economics majors who plans a career in business, spent all last semester making jokes about the impracticality of being a humanities major.

"Liberal arts school," I remembered Tommy Pearson, my employer and good friend, teasing me. "Does that make you a liberal artist?"

I've known Tommy for years, ever since I started baby-sitting for his one-year-old when I was 14. Today he's only 31, and he never went to college. But he was enterprising enough to start a boat business in the middle of an industrial park and to make it prosper. Even the marinas located on the nearby lakes and ponds can't compete. Tommy and Dean are well known to be just about the best boat people around.

"*This* is the best education you'll ever get," Tommy always tells me, waving his hand to indicate not only the shop and the boats in the yard, but also the mechanics, construction workers, sales reps, and just ordinary people whom I've encountered there.

The "education" that I have acquired at the boat yard is one that I could never get in a classroom. At Middlebury, they don't teach you what the digits in a serial number mean and where to locate them on a boat, a motor, or a trailer. They don't offer courses on "How to tell a customer that his boat won't be fixed by Fourth of July weekend," or "How to climb into a boat on a trailer while wearing dress."

. . . And—now convinced at heart
How little those formalities, to which
With overweening trust alone we give
The name of Education, have to do
With real feeling and just sense. . .
—Wordsworth

A few days before I left for school, a truckload of boats rolled in from the Baja Boat Company. We all ran out excitedly to look at what we were getting.

These were '87 models with improvements and modifications that we were seeing for the first time. Dave York, Tommy's partner in the business, and I climbed up onto the truck alongside one of the boats. Like two kids with a colossal Christmas present, we began to tear off the blue plastic shrink-wrap that completely sealed the interior of the boat. Suddenly, Dave laughed and asked wickedly, "Are you *sure* you want to go back to school?" I looked wistfully at the shiny, streamlined form of the new 21-foot Baja sport 210. "No," I confessed, "I'm not sure at all."

I confess. I admit it. I have this ridiculous tendency to confuse the end of the summer with The End of the World. I go through this every year. You'd think I'd be used to it by now.

I suppose that in a way one world does end—my world of "Baja" boats and "454 Magnum Mercruiser" engines, of "Load Rite all-roller" trailers and "Snap-on" tools. But then I enter a new world of books and classrooms and professors. And somehow this big miracle occurs. I don't know how, but it always happens within the first few weeks of studying Blake and Wordsworth, or Shakespeare, or Joyce. Somehow, I'm talking about "alliteration," "imagery," and "iambic pentameter," the terms of the trade of an English major, with as much enthusiasm as I used to talk about horsepower and props. I feel like I know why I've chosen to return to a classroom without having to explain it to myself or anyone else.

Sometimes I try to verbalize it anyway, as a sort of rehearsal for when I visit the boat yard on my college vacations or for when I go back next summer. ("So what did you learn?" they'll ask. "You made the Dean's list? What's that going to do for you?") And I face the truth: although I might be able to describe to a fellow English major the dire necessity of reading *The Prelude*, I shall never have the language to express this conviction to the guys at the boat yard.

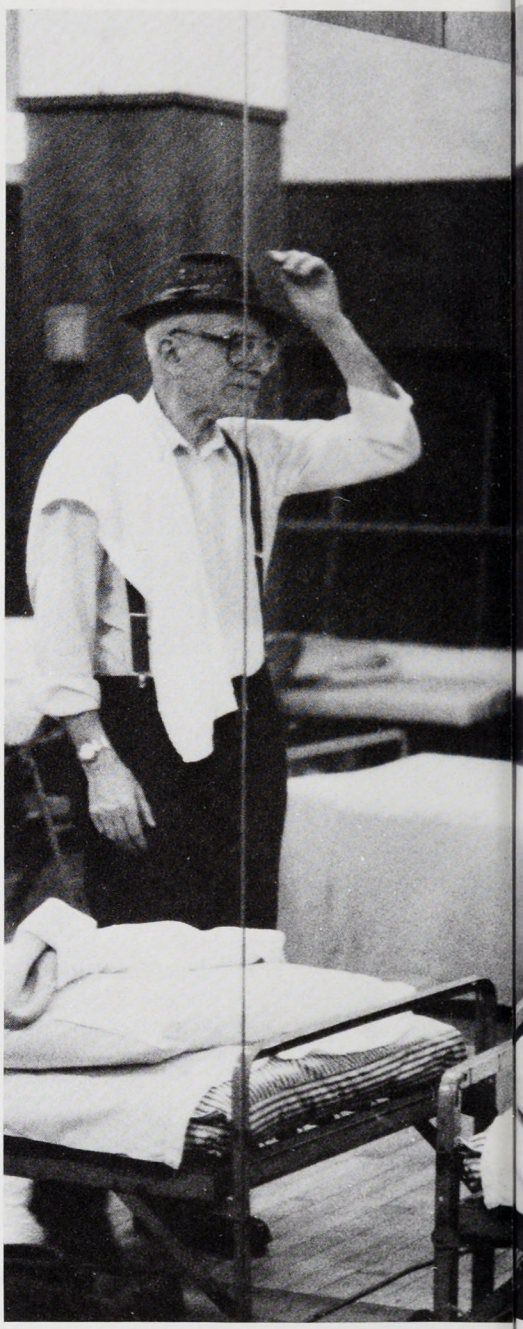
Then again, I've never quite managed to explain to a reader of Wordsworth what is so great about a Laser stainless steel propeller. For now, I resign myself to the hopelessness of my situation. And I conclude that perhaps I should just be greatful for fluency in the language of both worlds. I also find comfort in Blake's dynamic states of innocence and experience—and in Yamaha's dual outboard system with counter-rotating propellers.

It takes oppositional forces to move forward.

Face-to-face with the homeless

In October of 1985, a friend encouraged Patrick Durkin '79 to volunteer for a night in a New York City homeless shelter. Now Durkin, an investment banker at First Boston Corporation, has taken up the homeless cause.

By Patrick J. Durkin '79
Photographs by Joe Pineiro



Built of brick and stone, the soot-stained gymnasium was forgotten when, sometime in the not-so-distant past, the other old relics of midtown were scrubbed and repaired.

As I climbed the front steps, I saw that the doors had been reinforced with steel and could be secured by heavy, locking bolts. The windows had been replaced with sheet metal. When I stepped inside, the door banged shut behind me, and I wondered if the slide bolts were intended to keep people out or in.

A man who looked to be in his sixties appeared from the other side of the foyer and scurried over toward me.

"You must be the night volunteer," he said quickly.

"Yes, and you must be the . . . the chief man here," I said, not knowing what else to call him. "Nice to meet you. My name is Patrick. How are things?"

"My name is Carmen," he replied. "This building and I have been better. This used to be a very respectable bath house and gymnasium. People still use the gym and showers and there's a dance class, but now it's probably more fit for the street people. We didn't have this homeless problem when I was younger, whenever that was. And if we did, I don't know where they slept, because they've only been coming here for two years."

Carmen signalled me to follow him up a set of stairs. On the second floor landing, he began again: "These are the keys to the door and the supplies cabinet. Don't lose them or take them with you like other volunteers have done. These are the switches for the lights, over here." He perfunctorily showed me which switches turned off which lights. I could see that he had done this more times than he'd wanted to.

"When do the people usually get here?" I asked, largely to try and regain his attention and demonstrate my interest.

"They'll be here in ten to 20 minutes, but I'll be gone. I've got to close up the cage. Nice to meet you. . . Paul."

I followed him back down the stairs. Carmen turned and, again, barely lifting his feet off the floor, shuffled away around the corner. Not knowing what else to do, I waited in the dark foyer.

Ten minutes later, the steel doors were being rattled and banged; I guessed that my guests had arrived. Yanking open the doors, I saw about a dozen shadowy hunched-over figures climbing out of a van. They climbed up the stairs dragging tattered bags—some cloth, some paper—which contained, for most, their wherewithall and material worth.

I greeted them with an attempted handshake, a smile and a "Hi, how are you." A few responded, but most quickly headed up the two flights of rusted steel stairs to the small gymnasium where we would spend our night. Being the last one in the

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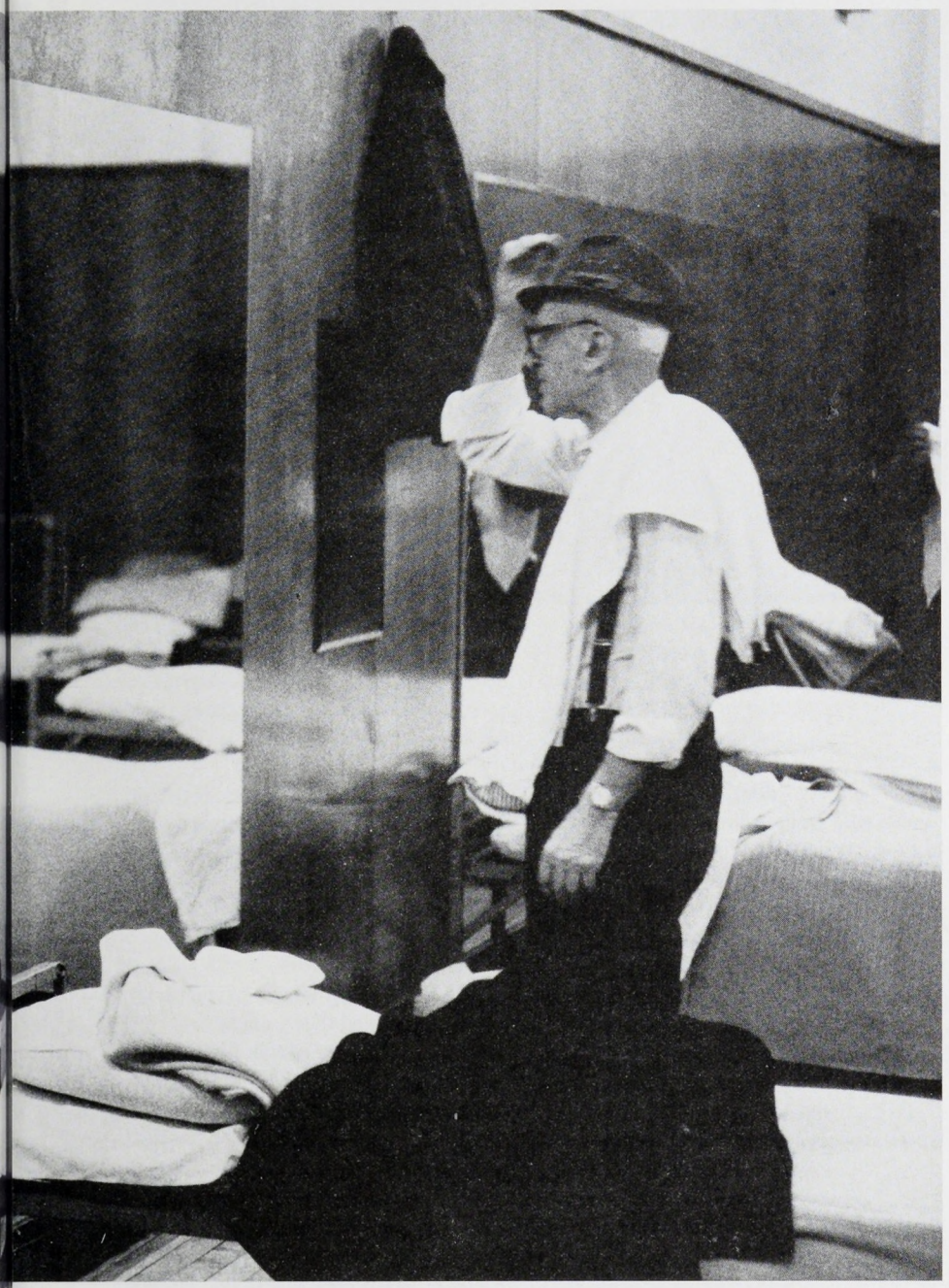

Just an hour before the arrival of homeless "guests," this gym was full of dancers. "This place is pretty comfortable by homeless standards," says Patrick Durkin. "It gives homeless people something to look forward to during the day."

foyer, I quickly slid the locks shut and followed.

I stored my bag in the corner of the small gym and looked around to figure out where I might sleep. Some of the guests began setting up cots and boiling water for coffee. Beginning to realize that these were regular shelter guests, I took my cue from them and began to set up a cot for myself.

Not everyone was being so industrious, however. Some of the group quietly floated back into the gutted men's locker room that would serve as our combination smoking, eating, and washing area, and I followed them. They took posts at different benches along the wall, smoking cigarettes or just staring at the floor.

Now that the jackets and hats were off, the lights revealed faces creased with years of exposure to the elements and sadly etched with dirt and grime. All of these people looked to be 50 or older, I decided.

I didn't have much to say to the loners. Just looking for something to do, I went back into the other room and helped set up the remaining steel cots. I made idle conversation, but the exchanges turned into nodding and smiling as the bed frames were unfolded.

When we had finished, we all moved into the locker room. Half the group began eating donuts and coffee cake which had been donated by a local grocery store. The other half just sat or wandered aimlessly in the far end of the room. It was obvious that they had little interest in me. For the first time I really thought to myself, "What am I doing in this place?"

I walked back into the gym thinking I should just go to bed. I sat on the corner of my cot; the plastic cover on the wafer thin mattress crackled. I looked at the empty cots around the room and thought, "My God, these people probably count their blessings for this—if they can even count. The least I can do is make an effort to show an interest in them."

I decided then that no matter what my reception, I would not be dissuaded from at least attempting to put names to the faces and personalities to the names. I would at least try to find out who they were—especially the ones who found refuge in the quiet corners. Why were they here? What was it like to be on the street? What would it take for them to get off the street some day? I knew it would take time, but I wanted to know.

That first night in the New York Gymnasium at 54th and York, where the St. Patrick's and St. John's churches sponsor one of their shelters for the homeless, was 17 months ago. Since then, I've spent between two and five nights each month at the gymnasium or at the St. Bartholomew's Church shelter, which is conveniently located across the street from where I work on the 41st floor of the First Boston Corporation headquarters at Park Avenue Plaza.

It wasn't long before I was asked to join the Midtown Manhattan Church Council on the Homeless, which organizes Manhattan parishes to provide shelter and food for the homeless. Spending evenings organizing shelter efforts was frustrating at times, because I preferred talking with homeless people, rather than about them. Nevertheless, I met people who had considerable experience working with the homeless, and I learned a lot from them.

I've also become active in the National Coalition for the Homeless, one of the largest private organizations in the country helping the homeless. Incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in March of

1981, the Coalition brings together religious organizations, business leaders, service providers, civic groups, and individuals who are trying to find solutions to the homeless problem in 40 cities. Negotiating with city, state, and federal agencies, the Coalition tries to attack the problem in far-reaching ways, focusing attention on specific matters affecting the homeless: housing and tenants' rights, welfare advocacy, mental health programs, hunger, and special problems of the young and the old.

I still don't have answers to all my questions, but I have answered a few.

I've learned the most, I believe, just from talking with homeless people. It started that first night at the gym when I had a long talk with a man, now a friend, named Stewart.

I've spoken with Stewart many times since that night, but he still spends most of his hours at the shelter sitting by himself. He leans over with his elbows on his knees, smokes cigarettes, and stares at the floor. He looks often at his hands, which are the size of baseball mitts, and he rubs them together. As he repeats this over and over, I think he keeps asking himself how hands once so strong and able could have led him to this. I know he also wonders how these hands, now so worn out and arthritic, can get him off the street.

Stewart was quiet and suspicious at first. But he must have realized that the only way to get rid of me was to begin the conversation that I was determined to have.

Stewart's voice is like his hands, strong and steady, but very slow and drained of the life which must have once been there. His response to my "Hi, what's up?" was similar to that of so many people of the street whom I've met: "Not too bad considering where I am and all this." He looked up at the room and, for the first time, at me. I asked him about his health. This was the key to opening the door to our conversation. "I got out of the hospital four weeks ago from a hernia operation. I've had the hernia for a long time. They also cut a cyst off my head. I got the hernia from lifting crates to earn some eating money. I shouldn't have done it because at 64, I'm too old and can't do it, but I needed some money. They operated, but I was out of the hospital too soon and I started bleeding, so they put me back in."

I asked, "What was the hospital like?"

"It was all right—comfortable and clean. But they needed beds, I guess."

Durkin (right) has made a special effort to get to know the loners who wander off into isolated corners. They still seek out the corners—but now they trust him enough to talk when he sits down.

We continued our conversation, and, slowly, Stewart came to life and started to peel away layer after layer of hard experiences that had long ago quieted him and brought him here.

"While I was strong," Stewart began, "I unloaded cargo from ships and barges at New York City's West-Side docks. The work was steady. It gave me money for a room, some food, and drink. I could drink a pint of whiskey a night and still work a full day. After years of work, I broke my leg when a freight box slipped and hit me. My job was taken by some other person who'd been unemployed. During this time, I couldn't do heavy work, so I ended up pouring liquor and beer for the guys that I'd once worked with. I still kept drinking a pint a day.

"Way before the accident, I got married and had two boys. They're married now and live in New York, but forgot about their Daddy long ago. I haven't seen my boys for two or three years now."

For the next 15 or 20 years, Stewart's life was an irregular string of bar jobs and odd jobs until he got to the point where he couldn't hold one long enough to pay the bills required for a room and a bed. I sensed from his story that as the drinking got heavier, his family faded further and further away from him, until finally his wife and both sons decided that it would be easier to live without him than with him. So with no job, no home, and no family, one day Stewart found himself out on the street.

"The first couple of nights weren't too difficult," Stewart explained. "I spent my last couple of bucks on some food. Then I learned the routes for a homeless person in New York. I found out how and where I could get a drink and a meal, and where I might find a bed, a blanket, or a piece of cardboard to rest on. I also learned the safe public areas to hang out and sleep at.

"I didn't have an address so I couldn't get my disability insurance payments or welfare. Now and then I could find some short-time work, but people found out that I was on the streets and the job would end. My last job was lifting work, but I'm too old and that's how I got the hernia."

Life moved on slowly, and Stewart figured out ways to fend for himself and survive. Somehow Stewart came upon the Moravian Church, which directs homeless people to church shelters throughout New York City.

"You know, you're a young boy," Stewart continued. He had smoked four hand-rolled cigarettes and was rolling a fifth. "Learn how to say no to booze and drugs. That doesn't mean never try anything, but know yourself. Know how much you can handle and don't let no one or nothing pressure you into doin' the decision-making for you. Otherwise you might end up in a place like this."

"You're right," I responded. "What you say is true and I appreciate the advice." I too began looking at and rubbing my hands. The soundest advice I'd gotten in a long time came from this man whom I was supposed to be caring for.

Not surprisingly, my 45 minutes of conversation with Stewart created a bond. Developing a friendship with Stewart made me realize how appropriate and interesting it was to get involved, even in a small way, in the lives of homeless people. It wasn't long before I organized a Friday lunch where I invited friends like Stewart from the shelter to meet over a meal and talk.

Sometimes when I'd be a few minutes late getting down to the lobby, I would get an alarmed telephone call from the receptionist. "Mr. Durkin, there are some very questionable looking people saying they are here to meet you for lunch. What should I do?"

"Just please apologize for my not being there to greet them," I'd respond, the same way I'd respond to any guests I'd left waiting. "But tell them that I'll be there in a couple of minutes, and please make them comfortable."

At lunch, we were always looked at with raised eyebrows, if not outward disdain. We always got the table farthest in the corner. It was refreshing to see Carl, Stewart, Mary, and whomever else would come. In the restaurant we were on different turf, and our conversations in this environment were more straightforward.

I asked about their days on the street, about problems each person might be having, about bright moments that might have occurred or were being looked forward to, about how they ended up on the street. Similarly, they asked me questions about what I did. I always tried to push the conversation toward the most important question, how could they get off the street?

"I hate this life and can't believe I'm actually a street person," Mary explained. "I lived with my husband and two sons in a nice apartment on the upper West Side for 25 years. We even went to Vermont to Bromley Mountain skiing when we were young. My husband died before I expected, but we had saved. But, during the last five or ten years, living in New York got too expensive. Very simply, I hadn't worked in years, and my savings and husband's pension couldn't cover the ridiculously high rent and cost of living. My two sons lived with me on and off and the younger one had a drug problem that I

"Mario" is a homeless person. But he's taken over responsibility for keeping the shelter's supplies in order. The guests are asked to set up their own cots and help run the shelter.

tried to help him with. Before I knew it, the money was gone. And being in my sixties and with no job, I ended up on the streets within a month."

Carl jumped in: "A very similar thing happened to me, Patrick. My wife died and through some bad investing I lost our savings. But what did I know about savings? I've always been a sculptor and left the money management to my wife. Within about two years my savings were gone and the landlord was anxious to get me out of the building and increase the rent.

"The problem is there are many more people like us who are on the street than anyone wants to admit," Carl continued. "People want to think that we're all mentally ill and choose to be homeless. The fact that maybe half of the homeless in New York are capable of working and want to have a place of their own but can't, shows that our government and systems of caring for others are severely lacking. People don't like to see that their system isn't working."

"Normal people like us, if you can call us normal," Mary said in a resigned voice, "don't make the news because our stories are boring."

Carl finished: "You're right, people don't know, or don't want to know, that we're capable people who with a little help could return to a normal life. . .. So in the end we're left out here."

"Have you tried to get work?" I asked.

"I've tried many times and Mary has, too. But, not having simple things like a home address, a phone, and clean clothes gives you away as a street person. Once the employers that I've met realize that I'm on the street, that's it.

"We've bored you with this enough Patrick, but let me just tell you that it's a short and unpredictable step down to the street—but it's a huge one back up, especially with so little help."

Once I became involved with the homeless at the shelters, I found it much easier to stop and talk with homeless people I would meet on the street. I was getting more comfortable with viewing homeless people as neighbors and friends—or just seeing them as people.

Late in January, over a year ago, I was returning to New York from a business trip in the late afternoon, walking through Penn Station with two business associates. As we neared the escalators to the street, a man approached me from behind and grabbed my arm. My companions and I jumped around, ready to defend ourselves, if necessary.

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The man let go of my arm and said nothing. His clothes were filthy and torn. He looked exhausted and beaten. Then I recognized him from the shelter. A big grin came to my face. "Don't worry, this guy is a friend of mine," I told my surprised companions. "Go on ahead. I'll meet you up at the cab stand."

Maurice never said a word because he can't speak. He is dumb and almost deaf. But he understood that I recognized him, and he smiled slightly and nodded. "Thank you, Maurice, for stopping me. How are you?"

He nodded and grinned. "Can I get you a cup of coffee?" I gave him some money. "I'll see you next Tuesday at the shelter. Take care of yourself." And I added, "Next time, it might be better to stop people from the front, not from behind."

It had begun to bother me more and more as I watched how the majority of people ignore the homeless they pass on the street. With the frustrations building, I started to stop and make sudden conversation with street people when I was out walking with my better-off friends. I also started asking friends to join me at the shelter—and many of them did. (I'd been introduced to my first shelter the same way, when I spent part of an evening at a homeless shelter with two Middlebury friends, Melissa '81 and Andy '79 Woolford.)

As I asked people to help out, they began to ask me familiar questions. How many homeless are there in New York? Why has the problem gotten so bad? Are most of the people drunks or mentally handicapped? What's being done by the government to help? How do you find the time? Do you really think you can make a difference?

We do not know exactly how many Americans are homeless, but estimates from the National Coalition for the Homeless suggest there may be as many as 3 million men, women, and children living in shelters, in cars, in abandoned buildings, in makeshift dwellings, and on the streets around the country. Over the last six years, the numbers have grown exponentially. In 1981 the number of homeless was estimated to be only 100,000 nationwide. That number has increased at approximately 20 percent to 25 percent annually.

New York City probably has the greatest homeless problem of any American city. The New York City Human Resources Administration estimates that there are 60,000 to 80,000 homeless persons living on the street. Other organizations have put the number as high as 150,000. Whichever number you believe, even though government, church, and other volunteer organizations supply close to 22,000 beds at shelters for the homeless, this only meets a small part of the need.

Of all the statistics, the most disturbing is that there are now more homeless children than homeless adults in New York City's shelter system—11,500 children and 10,500 adults. The trend is national. Children are now the fastest growing segment of our country's homeless problem. They also make up over half the inhabitants in New York City's dangerous welfare hotels, which some—including most of the homeless—would say is a worse life than being on the streets.

The problem of homelessness does not disappear when tens of thousands of New York City commuters head for the suburbs at night. In Connecticut, where I live, there are an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 homeless persons. According to the Connecticut State Department of Human Resources, the homeless population has increased 25 percent in the past year, with most of the new homeless comprised of families, young pregnant women, and people with employable skills who couldn't find work. In certain regards, the plight of the homeless is worse in Connecticut than in New York City. State and local governments, businesses, and Connecticut residents have yet to acknowledge that in our thriving economy there is a significant population of homeless people. There are fewer than 1,200 beds for Connecticut's homeless.

The primary cause of the recent explosion in the number of homeless in Connecticut, New York, and elsewhere, according to almost every government or private organization that has studied the problem, is lack of affordable housing.

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The Coalition for the Homeless maintains that cutbacks in federal housing and entitlement programs have put literally hundreds of thousands of Americans out on the streets. Specifically, they note that since 1981, subsidized housing programs have been cut by 69 percent; Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) has been reduced by $3.6 billion; and a $6.8 billion cut from the food stamp program has reduced the average benefit to 49 cents per meal. Further, given that approximately 25 to 30 percent of the homeless population is mentally disabled, the wave of de-institutionalization (the emptying of mental hospital beds) that occurred in the last ten years, largely because of state and federal budget cuts, has added significantly to the homeless problem.

While these government cut-backs may well be the primary cause of the increased number of homeless, you have to look deeper into changing currents in our economy and society to find the real causes. Many homeless men I've met once held big industry jobs. The U.S. Labor Department reports that since 1981, 35 percent of jobs in America's heavy industries — steel, auto, textiles, manufacturing — have been lost because of plant closings, mainly in the Northeast and Midwest. Some people, especially the young, made the transition to the services sector. But retraining has not been a priority, and tens of thousands of workers have been left unskilled in the "new industries," and many have become unemployed. These people have families, and when they end up on the street, so do their families.

Attempts are being made to provide immediate shelter and food to relieve the suffering of the homeless and develop long-term solutions to the underlying causes of the homeless. In November 1986, Congress approved provisions of the Homeless Persons Act, appropriating $70 million to aid the homeless in 1987, and in February of 1987, the House appropriated another $50 million in direct emergency aid. Amendments to the act, entitled the "Homeless Eligibility Clarification Act," allow the homeless to use food stamps to buy prepared meals, permit institutionalized persons to apply for benefits prior to discharge, remove permanent address requirements from a number of benefits programs, and specifically include the homeless in a federal job training program.

City and state governments have also taken initiatives, by developing new ideas and appropriating funds to provide additional assistance to that which we hope will be obtained at the federal level. A number of states already require that shelter be provided for every homeless person by each municipality.

On February 11, 1987, New York Governor Mario Cuomo's office announced plans for constructing a 200-family residence for the homeless in Brooklyn. Financed partially by tax exempt municipal bonds, the $10 million "model" facility

will be built by a private developer, Tishman Speyer Properties, at no profit. The Red Cross will then operate the facility through a contract with New York City. According to the governor's office, the cost of housing a family of four in this shelter will be $15,000 a year, compared with $30,000 in the decrepit welfare hotels of the city. The federal government will absorb half the cost, with the city and state paying the rest. Besides immediate shelter and food, the Red Cross will also provide day care, counseling, and job training, which will cost another $10,000 for each family.

The new Brooklyn shelter will doubtlessly help some lucky families. But you get an idea of the enormity of the problem and the impractility of simply duplicating this program, when you think about providing the same help to every homeless person in New York City. If providing shelter, food, and social services for a family of four—even in an efficient operation—will cost $25,000 each year, that's $6,250 a year for each person. Providing shelter and services for every homeless person in New York City would cost between $375 and $500 million. To run the program nationally for two or three million homeless, the cost would be between $12.5 and $18.75 billion.

The point, of course, is that no single program or model should be duplicated for the entire homeless population; homeless people themselves will tell you that. Developing effective solutions to the homeless problem will be like putting together a jigsaw puzzle. The plan must have many pieces, but it must also be coordinated.

There do seem to be some commonly agreed upon steps that must be taken.

First, the minimum needs of subsistence living—shelter, food, clothing, and health care—must be provided for all those who want it and need it. This has been done most effectively by individuals, private groups, and churches. But local, state, and federal governments need to make a concerted effort to provide subsistence requirements. They must lead the charge, not just support it.

Second, a bridge must be built to help people move from temporary subsistence living to permanent housing and, for those who are able, to permanent employment. Isolated efforts, like Governor Cuomo's planned Brooklyn shelter, need to be duplicated exponentially. The recent federal initiatives to make social services more easily available to the homeless is an initial step, but effective implementation and appropriate levels of funding must follow.

"Don" is a Plaza regular—arriving early in the morning and staying until closing at 10:00 pm. He's part of a group that pools their government checks—for food, for clothing, and for alcohol.

And third, we need to stop the problem at the various sources. If cutbacks in federal spending have resulted in less low-income housing, funding must be restored. If real estate developers are forcing low- and fixed-income level people from their homes, they and their wealthier renters and buyers have an obligation to relocate the displaced people in affordable homes. If unemployed workers are not getting new job training, government and business together must share the responsibility to retrain them. And, if mentally ill patients have been released because we no longer want to hospitalize them, we must find effective ways to provide for them on a continuing basis.

Yet, despite local, state, and federal government aid and despite the work of private individuals and groups, the problem of the homeless will not be solved until the majority of Americans decide to look the homeless people and their problem in the eye and then do something to help them—whatever that something might be. From where I sit, the best work being done to help the homeless is coming from the private volunteer groups like the Coalition for the Homeless, Partnership for the Homeless, Operation Harvest, and hundreds of church and other private groups who run small day-to-day operations on shoe-string budgets, a wing and a prayer, volunteers, and hope.

At this level, you can really get to know the homeless—and learn that for some of the homeless, the choices that lead down the road to recovery will be painful and difficult, for us and for them. They tell you so themselves.

Bill, a father of two and an electrician, has been living on the street for over two years. He can be found many nights in the lobby of the Park Avenue Plaza, which, by day a bustling commerical and office center, by night becomes a refuge for the homeless. "Hear what I say Patrick," Bill told me recently, "and get it straight because there are too many well-intentioned people who listen but don't hear.

"It's very expensive to provide a home, food, and clothing every day of the year for a homeless person or anybody. I know, because I raised a family. So before you go around assuming that everyone of us wants your shelter and services and a job, ask us. Because some of us want to live like we do, on the streets with no hassles and no responsibilities.

"Don't waste the money on us," Bill continued, looking around the table at his three friends, Tom, Don, and John. "All of us, except maybe John, could get a job if we wanted one. But we prefer living where we want and getting drunk when we want."

"So you're living here solely out of your own choice?" I asked.

"No, Patrick. These guys and I are living here not of our choice alone, but the government's choice. We can afford to live like this because the government gives us each between $200 and $300 a month. We pool it. Twenty dollars a night goes to booze and the rest to food or something else we need."

"How many homeless are like you?"

"Enough. You find a lot of them in Central Park. But, listen, I want to make one more point.

Durkin stops to visit with the Plaza regulars every day: "We talk about how the day's going, progress they're making looking for jobs, problems they're having, the news—just normal things."

"If you really want to help the homeless, recognize that we are out here for many different reasons so one solution won't work. Help those who want to be helped. Then understand that for those like us, the government's doing it wrong. You need to attach incentives to welfare payments. They're paying us to stay on the street—making it easy to get drunk every night. If that money wasn't there, we'd have to get off our butts, clean ourselves up, and find a job.

"But, Patrick, as long as that government check keeps coming in, I'm staying here and it's over."

Maybe telling me all that made Bill think about what he was doing. Two weeks after this conversation, I ran into him one afternoon outside the Plaza and we sat down to talk. His clothes were clean, he had shaved and washed, and he was sober. He wasn't sure if he'd see me again, he told me. He was going to try and make another go of it, he said, and he had gotten a job as an electrician.

I wished him luck.

Like any volunteer activity, when you work with the homeless you can get burned out—which is how I ended up early this winter. I felt frustrated because for all my effort, the problem seemed to be getting worse. The lunch group folded, and I decided to cut back on my nights at the shelters and other activities. I've been working on this article for months, shooting off bits and pieces, but I've been fighting for the time and the ideas to pull it all together.

On the other hand, writing the article has given me some perspective and helped strengthen my conviction.

Just last night, I was cutting through Central Park at 69th Street on my way to my brother's apartment. When I reached Central Park West, a homeless man standing just off the sidewalk asked me, "Can you spare anything, I need to buy food."

I was late and in a hurry. I reached into my pocket—no change. So I responded, "Come on and walk with me, I'm only going one block. We can talk and I'll fish out my wallet."

"You'll have to go slow," he said, "I've got bad legs and feet."

"How long have you been on the street?" I asked.

"Two years," he said, picking up some speed in his step.

"What's your name?"

"Frank."

"Mine's Patrick."

"How'd you end up on the street?"

"My wife died and I started drinking and lost my job. I couldn't pay the rent and they threw me and what I had out."

"I'm sorry. Do you think you can get back on your feet?"

"Yeah, I think so, if I can get one good break. That's the only way."

"Where do you live?"

"In an abandoned building on Amsterdam and 89th Street. You know, I've been trying to figure out if there's any way to get the city or somebody to buy that building and help us fix it as a place for street people who just need a good break, like a home, so they can get back on their feet. What do you think? Is it possible?

"Frank, do you ever hang around midtown during the day?"

He nodded and mumbled a puzzled, "Yes."

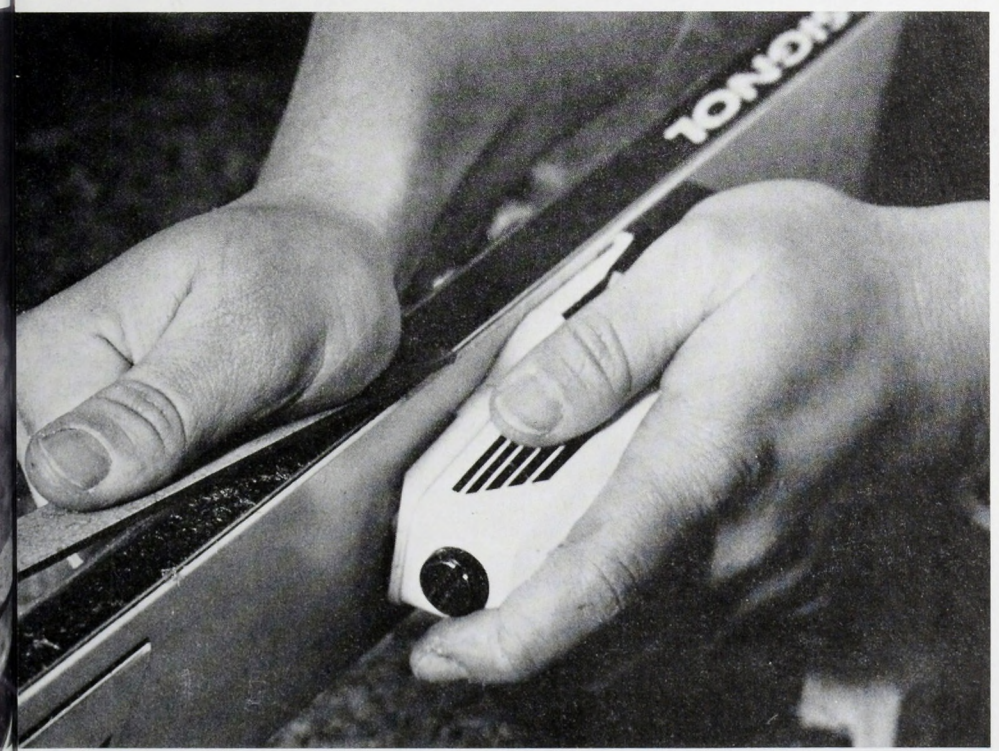
"Do you want to meet me for lunch on Friday to talk about this?"

They take time, then make time

Photographs by Fred Beckham '87

At Middlebury's Winter Carnival, which doubles as the Eastern Championships, ski racers spend five hours on the mountain for two minutes of competition.
They talk and joke around.
They wax skis and tighten bindings. They talk and joke around. They ride the lift to the start. They talk and joke around.
They go off on their own to stretch and warm up. They talk and joke around. . . .
Then they ski.
And if they stay on their feet during the first run, they get to do it again.

Fred Beckham has been taking some of the best photographs of Middlebury—and Winter Carnival—since he arrived on campus as a freshman. We thought he deserved a few pages of his own in the magazine. The idea for this story was his own.



Powder shines in the sun (left) during the giant slalom run of junior Ebbe Altberg. Above: Senior Pat Callahan puts a screwdriver to his bindings. Below left: Senior Kim Chedel (see cover) waxes, then scrapes. Chedel, Middlebury's fifth slalom skier, found herself under extra pressure at the Eastern Championships. Two of Middlebury's top racers, junior Cara Walther and freshman Jennifer Babin, fell ahead of her. Chedel had to finish both her runs to keep Middlebury in the team competition—and she responded, placing 24th (Middlebury finished third in the event).

There's no half speed when you ski at the top of the heap. Junior Robbie MacLeod, Middlebury's top slalom racer the last two years, has won at the UVM and Dartmouth carnivals. And at the 1986 NCAA Championships, MacLeod was third after the first run. Just completing a respectable second run would have assured him a top-level finish. But he attacked for the win—and fell.

At the 1987 Middlebury Carnival, MacLeod completed the first run just .02 out of the lead. On the second run, he attacked again—and fell. The MacLeod story has a happy ending. He finished second in the slalom at the 1987 NCAA championships.

"Hey, dude," says freshman John DeMatte for about the hundredth time in the last hour, as he dances over to yet another friend and holds out his hand for an exaggerated shake. DeMatte skis number six for Middlebury in the slalom, which made him a forerunner at the Middlebury Carnival. But his teammates say he's this loose and friendly even when he's preparing to race.

Junior Ebbe Altberg stretches (left). A crowd of skiers and coaches (above) gather near the start.

The ski company poster image of skier flying through the air with perfect symmetry belies the reality. Most of the time they're not so perfect. Senior Pat Callahan takes to the air in the giant slalom (right), and (below, left) gets set for the start of the slalom.

NT: MEN'S GIANT SLALOM

NO	NAME		(TIME IN) 1st	(TIME OUT) 2nd	(ELAPSED TIME) TOTAL
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52	[illegible]	CORN	73.13		
53	[illegible]	I-NOR	71.38		
54	[illegible]	WILL	DNS		
55	[illegible]	KEENE	92.11		
56	[illegible]	SLU	70.52		
57	[illegible]	UMASS	136.31		
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Carnival results: Junior Ingrid Punderson and sophomore Claudia Stern led the women's giant slalom team to an easy second place, as they placed third and fourth, respectively. Sophomore Jen Babin was 14th, junior Cara Walther 21st, and senior Kim Chedel 30th. The slalom was a different story, as Walther and Babin fell. But Punderson took fifth, Stern seventh, and Chedel 24th, and the team was third.

In the men's giant slalom, Altberg was fourth, MacLeod seventh, Taylor 11th, Callahan 14th, and sophomore Thad Briner 18th, as the team took second. Even though Altberg and MacLeod fell in the slalom, the team again held on to second, as Briner and Callahan took seventh and eighth, and Taylor took 19th.

And with a fourth in the women's nordic competition and a third in the men's nordic, Middlebury finished second overall in the Eastern Championships.

Fighting his way around a slalom gate, sophomore John Taylor (above) looks ahead to his next move.

Junior Robbie MacLeod (left) limbers up before a slalom run.

COLLEGE

"Only in America," Ernest Boyer told his Middlebury audience in January, "is the decal from almost any college displayed proudly on the rear window of the family car." Speaking in Middlebury's first Freshman Convocation Series, the president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching said that the number and diversity of decals he sees while waiting at traffic lights says a lot about the range of undergraduate options in the United States—and about the pride Americans take in that diversity.

In February, Boyer and the Carnegie Foundation released to the general public their report on *College: The Undergraduate Experience in America*. The book, which began circulating in educational circles last fall, is the result of three years of research, including 13,000 interviews with students, faculty, and administrators at 30 colleges and universities around the country.

The report, Boyer noted at Middlebury, found that a college education is still highly prized: "Today 58 percent of all high school graduates go on to college—that's about twice the percentage you'll find in other nations on the globe. And when we surveyed high school students and their parents, 90 percent of them said that some day they hoped to have a college education."

Yet the Carnegie Report characterized the undergraduate college and the undergraduate experience as "a troubled institution" in need of "revitalization." Many colleges lack a sense of community and "mission," and faculty are torn between the conflicting priorities of research and teaching. The report makes 84 specific recommendations for improving American colleges, but more generally it calls for "strengthening the connection beween colleges and schools, between the liberal and the useful arts, between the academic and the non-academic life on campus, and ultimately between what is learned and how one's life is lived."

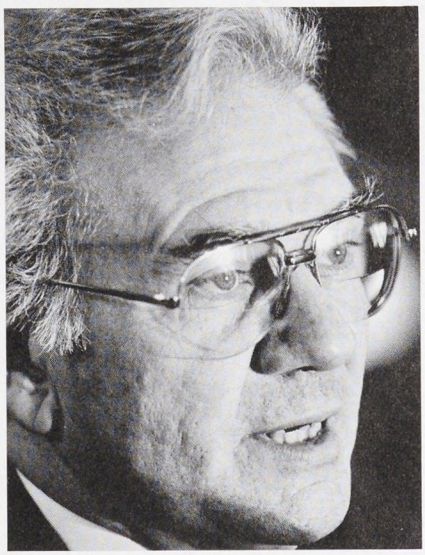
Small liberal arts colleges like Middlebury seem ideally suited to be the "creative communities of learning" that the Carnegie Report envisions, Boyer said, and he praised the Middlebury education as a "remarkable experiment that is working very well."

The Boyer visit helped to re-energize discussion of the curriculum issues raised last year when a Special Faculty Committee on the Curriculum made some dramatic recommendations for reforming the Middlebury course of study, including, among other things, proposals for a required freshmen seminar program, for required senior work, and for a convocation series which would bring the entire college together for regular lectures and discussions. The Special Committee report was called "Toward Greater Educational Community," and at its heart is the goal of making learning at Middlebury more of a community activity.

As a big package, the proposals were not approved by the faculty—mainly because of opposition to a proposal to change the College calendar to a quarter system. But the faculty has begun taking up individual items from the big package. A freshman seminar program was introduced on a voluntary basis this winter term, for example, and the faculty is preparing to vote on a required freshman seminar program.

When the summaries and excerpts from the Carnegie Report on undergraduate education began to appear last fall, they excited a lot of people at Middlebury, because the report seemed to fit nicely into the ongoing curriculum discussions. As a faculty group put together an all-College convocation series for the winter term, they decided to make the liberal arts the subject of the series, and they invited Boyer to contribute to the discussion.

The complete text of Boyer's remarks in a general talk and in an afternoon question-and-answer session is available by writing the magazine. In the pages that follow we offer a few highlights.



Ernest Boyer, author of what has been called "the most thorough look at undergraduate colleges ever taken," comes to campus.

Photos by Erik Borg '67

General education and the major

Eric Davis, associate professor of political science: There seems to be a sense among some faculty members here at Middlebury that general education courses, things like freshman writing courses, freshman seminars, and foundations courses are in some sense less worthwhile as professional activities than teaching advanced courses oriented primarily towards majors in a department.

What would you say to a faculty member who feels that teaching a broader course about the historical, social, or ethical context of a particular field is in some way a less prestigious, less important type of activity than teaching at a rather advanced, specialized level to, say, a senior major?

Ernest Boyer: Well, there are many issues bundled up in that question, aren't there? You've introduced this peculiar creature we call the undergraduate collegiate experience.

In America, we still prize something called "the college." But we haven't found ways to mediate comfortably between the secondary school "general education" view of education and the specialization of "the university model," which of course our British colleagues historically have so splendidly pursued. And incidentally there is a point of view that if the schools did their job correctly in writing and in general knowledge, one could begin specialization early on and we would give up this whimsical view of a baccalaureate experience that still remains "general" in its vision.

What I'm saying is that there is something in the baccalaureate tradition that gives credibility to the non-specialized role—and that if we don't believe that then I think we should encourage early admission toward specialization. But most colleges—in spite of the push toward careerism—have not come to that conviction. The real challenge is to find ways for the definition of specialization to be broadened, especially at the pre-baccalaureate level. The student clearly should not be allowed to become so narrow that some of the contextual implications of the discipline are overlooked.

Indeed, I'm troubled by the way general education has been separated from the major. And I also worry because, on many campuses we visited, the graduate professional schools were invading the baccalaureate programs. The baccalaureate did not have an integrity of its own; rather it was only seen as the vestibule for specialization.

The faculty within the college have to ask if the baccalaureate degree has a unique role to fill. And, if so, how does it relate to secondary and graduate education? To me that's the nature of the educational debate.

But I conclude with this: I'd be disappointed if we did not value the broadening experience of the undergraduate program and yielded too quickly to the notion that this is simply the first stage of a narrow and professional effort.

Making general education more "relevant"

Eric Davis: You have a proposal in the report for an "integrated core," seven fields of inquiry which should be part of the curriculum from the freshman through the senior year. Those fields would be organized in a thematic way, rather than in a narrow, disciplinary way. My question is, should the courses in this integrated core be special courses for, shall we say, non-majors—although I don't like to use the word non-majors because it may have the wrong connotation.

To put it in a more positive way: One cannot gain an understanding of nature, the ecology of the planet, without actually

doing a laboratory science course. One cannot actually gain an understanding of the international culture of the world without actually being able to speak and read another language. One cannot gain an understanding of the creative process and the aesthetic experience without actually trying one's hand at playing music or making art or whatever. In other words, these general education courses should not be the sort of course that would be offered especially for people who will specialize in these areas. They should be courses carefully created to expose students to the fundamental thinking, learning, and reasoning processes behind these seven themes or ideas.

Boyer: What you say is exciting. I wish I

could rewrite the report.

I would like to see the general education dimension of the undergraduate experience organized around a thematic structure that transcends the separate disciplines, but I think the structure used could be endlessly varied.

Something else you said intrigues me. I'd like to think about having each of those "core" areas have an applied component. You're talking about a connection between the thematic goals, the discipline engagement, and then the application. That's a most intriguing thought!

I really do believe that education could be—to use a word that I never used during the '60s—more "relevant." If students could see the connection between what they're studying and the implications for their lives, we'd see a vitality in the undergraduate experience and in general education that is not there now.

Incidentally, what I say about college applies to schools. The reason we have such enormous dropouts among schools is that students do not see a connection between what they're being asked to study and the nature of the world in which they live. The other big problem is anonymity; no one seems to know them as human beings. My own view is that if we could solve the anonymity and the irrelevance problem, we'd be far down the road to reducing the high school dropout problem

But coming back to college: Formulating a general education sequence and letting students know during orientation how those pieces fit and how they're going to be actively engaged—that strikes me as a very exciting way to refine the goals of the undergraduate experience.

Smallness has pluses and minuses

A Middlebury student: You've spoken a little bit about the advantages of a small college. Do you also acknowledge the danger that small colleges can become isolated ivory towers?

Boyer: We celebrate small colleges, but there's also the question whether these communities, through smallness, can be restrictive.

There is a danger that the college com-

munity will be so insular that it won't provide either the social or intellectual inspirations that should dominate a center of learning. I've said sometimes, and I hope not too cutely, that a community where the average age is 20 is as unhealthy as a retirement village where the average age is 80.

I was at the University of California at Santa Barbara in the early '60s when they built a community called Isla Vista—10,000 students living in commercial residence facilities that the entrepreneurs had built because the university had no housing. It was the only community I knew where there were traffic jams at two in the morning. It was a town that never slept. I began to realize how nice it is to be in a town where the age is from year one to year eighty. There is something about the intergenerational connections, intellectual and social, that matters.

I do believe that a college has to think very carefully about keeping itself an open place that allows diversity of ideas, as well as diversity of age and experience, to commingle. If the conversation is always with others of your own age, whether it's 20 or 80, there is something disquieting about that.

My parents, by choice, are living in a retirement village near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They have a day-care center at that retirement village. Every morning, 50 four- and five-year-olds come trucking in. The children adopt an older person as grandparent. Every week my father is visited by a little five-year-old boy, who sends him cards, and they have picnics together, and the like. They celebrate Christmas and Thanksgiving and other holidays and occasions. You see the beauty of that. The children come into the bed-care section in the morning. There's something powerful about a four-year-old greeting an 80-year-old, and seeing the agony, and also the courage, of the older; and there's something inspiring about an old person being awakened by the innocence and expectations of young children.

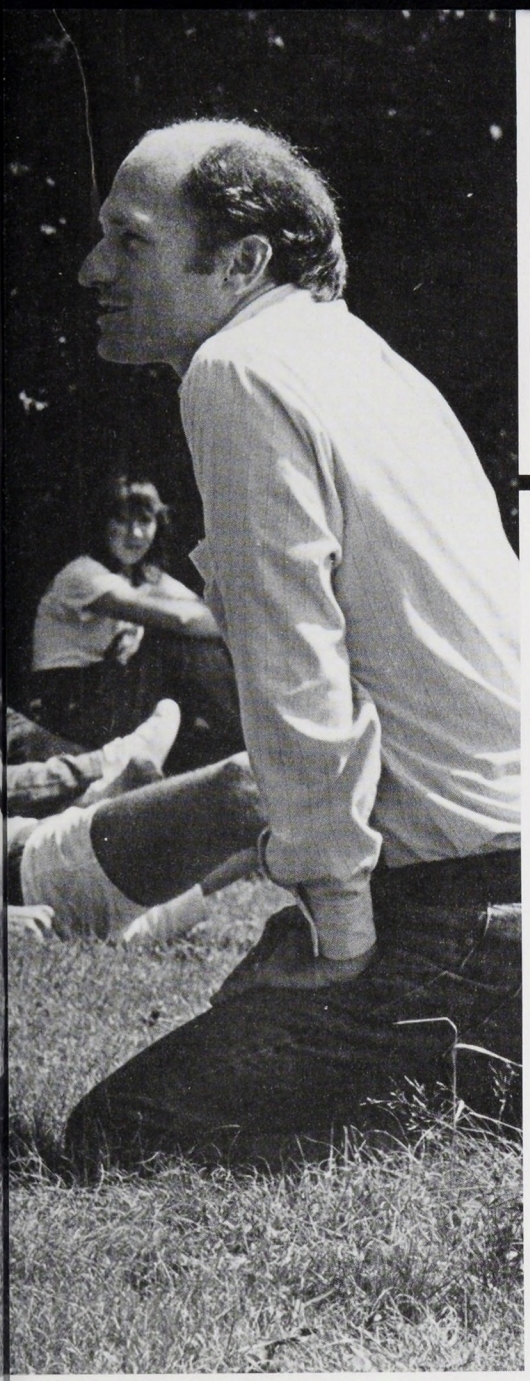
Colleges have the capacity to build community—but they also must open the doors and remain a place of freshness and diversity. Two encouraging signs: Today an older population is starting to return to campus, and also, many students are extending their years of college. Some students have a semester abroad, or a term in Washington, or a mid-year term such as this, in which they bring in guests.

I agree that community can not only be reaffirming, it can also be restrictive. How to celebrate the gains and also push back the barriers that come from community? This, it seems to me, is a special challenge.

As a footnote, let me say that there are colleges where there is so much disintegration that they have to work continuously to look for ways to make connections. But in a college that's primarily residential and undergraduate, the obligation of the community corporately is, it seems to me, to extend itself.

The community service requirement

Urszula Kotlow, a senior biology major from Shirley, Mass.: I think that it's important for students to become involved in activities, extra-curricular activities, either in the performance arts or in student business ventures or in the preparation of student publications, where maybe they can put what they learn in class to use and get some practical experience. That way they can get an idea of their own initiative,



they'll develop a sense of responsibility to something outside the class. I'm wondering if you would agree that having some type of college extra-curricular activities requirement would be of value, and how might this be incorporated in the curriculum?

Boyer: We suggest in the Carnegie Report that perhaps a community service requirement would fit comfortably into the goals of an undergraduate college. Such a requirement would build a connection between theory and practice, between issues that are raised in the classroom and the context in which those principles might be tested. Some of that service might be directed to the college community itself. But I really do feel that a college, to avoid isolation, has to look for connections to the world, in a social, as well as in an educational sense. And let me say that if service is required, I would like to see it connected to certain educational goals and also have seminars following students' involvement, so they could interpret what they saw and heard.

Not all service, incidentally, is satisfying. Some of it would be painful. And some of it would be disillusioning. So you have to somehow make these "field experiences," whether they're under the name of research or under the name of service, interpreted for students, I think, if these experiences are to have their full meaning.

Today the so-called extra-curricular program has its entertaining and social dimensions, but it also should include educational mandates. I wish we had more arrangements by which students could actively participate in the shaping of the college as a community and in defining both social and educational objectives. Such arrangements would, I believe, bring meaning to the undergraduate experience and make the college a better place.

Education is by definition value-laden

Olin Robison, president of Middlebury College: Secretary of Education William Bennett some while ago announced that in his opinion American young people were being ripped off by colleges and universities because, he said, we promise to improve them morally and ethically and we're not doing it. In response, I wrote a couple of op-ed pieces saying that I don't know of any colleges and universities who made that claim, unless those of specifically religious traditions. I said that we all do dumb things but promising to improve people morally is not one of them.

I went on to say that we work with what we get. It is my personal opinion that most young people have most of their basic values reasonably well formed by the time they reach a campus, and our job is to provide a humane climate in which the most desirable of those attributes can flourish and the least desirable have a harder time of it.

I sense that there is a good deal of worry abroad in the land that we are not collectively, as a society, doing a very good job of teaching values. I don't think people necessarily want more courses in ethics. Rather, people are talking about values as they touch on behavior and how people spend their time, energy, and money. Many question how our society makes its decisions about dispositions of its goods, possessions, and wealth. I wonder if you would comment on these issues.

Boyer: It would be perhaps ill-advised to get too involved in the role and motivations of William Bennett. My own view is that his agenda is political, and everything he says or does has to be seen through that prism.

Still I wish that Mr. Bennett would be more attentive to the legislative mandates involved in administering a $17 billion federal budget which has built within it commitments to help poor children in this country and to open access to the deprived. I would think that the bully pulpit would be splendidly used if we would be advised of the unfinished agenda of serving the poor and underprivileged. At least occasionally I would like to have the conscience of the nation quickened on those points.

The issue of teaching morality and values is really an enormously difficult and delicate one, but not inappropriate, so I say two cheers for Mr. Bennett's willingness to bring it to the public agenda. I couldn't agree more that the reason Mr. Bennett gets the attention that he does is that people are genuinely worried. They're concerned. And I don't think these are simply the extremists. We all care deeply about whether we're guiding this globe in the right direction and whether children are being given the signals that will suffice in an increasingly

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complicated world. I don't think you can be alive and not be concerned about the ethical framework in which lives are being lived and governments are making their decisions and corporate leaders are guiding the destiny, as well. So the issue is not to be discounted.

Education is by definition value-laden: the very fact that you believe knowledge is better than ignorance suggests the qualitative nature of our work. Typically, in guiding a college we make judgments based upon values rather than hard evidence. It's hard for me to remember faculty meetings in which we cited data from the latest studies. We usually followed traditions and stated our convictions, call them values if you will. Again, I'm suggesting that education is, from first to last, a value-laden enterprise.

For this reason I think it's incorrect for Mr. Bennett to suggest that we aren't teaching values. We're teaching values through the curriculum we choose and the scholarly procedures we impose.

Now whether the values we teach are the ones Mr. Bennett supports—or whether he considers them adequate—is another matter. But again, teaching values is accomplished implicitly and explicitly every day.

On the other hand, what we're talking about here, I suspect, is not the values that keep the institution going and give it continuity. What we're talking about are political positions and personal codes of conduct—and I would have to insist that the college must avoid indoctrination.

Diversity is the genius of our system. While we're absolutely committed to honesty and integrity in the search for truth, we must leave room for discussion.

And I'd say, let's keep the campus climate free, let's keep it open. We need in the classroom the forums of competing positions.

Final point. I'm impressed that in the end the educational enterprise is guided so much by the conduct of the people in it. My life was influenced by my mentors. Not because of the rigidity of their conclusions, but because they demonstrated in their lives the importance of the quest. They asked questions. They let me see their doubts. They let me know how they had arrived at certain conclusions or why they were still worrying about the options. And those models of continuing inquiry, in my judgment, are really the key to learning. So the teaching of values is more a process of observing the lives of great scholars—and that process goes on every day.

Cost of college is a big worry

Kim Wallace, a senior from Medway, Mass.: I'm here in my last year at Middlebury facing, after this year, approximately $9,000 in loans. What bothers me more: My younger sister will enter upon her first year of college after I graduate, and every year my family, because it is a middle class family, is going to be squeezed tighter and tighter.

The government has clamped down on the amount of money that it is making available to families like ours—even for loans. I think people's options for education have gotten smaller, not only through the lack of preparation that we are receiving in our public high schools, but in the lack of financial options we have to attend the best universities.

Through very generous allowances I am able to be here. Otherwise I would be attending a public institution. It is no shame to be attending a public institution, but we've been talking today about some of the special things that often come about at a small, private liberal arts college like this one. Are we going to see in the future a time in which only the children of the rich can go to schools like Middlebury. Will the children of middle class families be forced to go to public schools or perhaps not be able even to finish their educations by going to college?

Boyer: Our survey of high school students and their parents showed that the cost of a college education is overwhelmingly their single most important worry. College costs have not galloped too far ahead of the cost of living. But the gap between cost and the family's ability to pay is a serious problem. I don't know what I would do if I were managing a tuition-driven institution, but I do know that in the days ahead—except for the few very privileged places—it is going to be a policy matter of great importance.

What's more, high tuition institutions are going to struggle with the matter of diversity. So there is a financial, as well as an educational, as well as a social question, all wrapped up in the issue that you raise.

Surely part of the answer is a public policy that works toward equity of access and provides some choice. And if we don't have a spokesman at the highest level in government reminding this nation that we need to invest in human resources, I think the future is imperiled.

We need a spokesman to remind this nation with conviction about the great inequities that are going to come if we continue to load on the backs of students costs that only the privileged can pay—a policy that will work to the disadvantage, not just of students, but to the nation as well.

Bear in mind that the demography is toward more minorities in this country, and soon 30 percent of all students in the public schools will be black or hispanic. White America is aging. So we run the grave risk of dividing this nation socially, economically, and even racially, and ethnically. Black enrollments in college are already going down

I share your concern about the debt you have accumulated and respectfully note that, but I admire still more the way you have put this in larger social context. And the only solution that I see is a public policy that continues to argue for both access and choice.

MIDDLEBURY

ALUMNI NEWS LETTER

Pardon Tillinghast talks on the state of the College

MIDD UPDATE

From the MCAA: A special Homecoming '86 reunion, key committee reports, and Pardon Tillinghast's state of the College comments

The fall meeting of the Middlebury College Alumni Council was held on the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend, October 18, 1986, in the Bread Loaf Theater. Frosty temperatures in the grand old building (heated only by a crackling fire) kept discussion brisk and committee reports brief and to the point.

Curt Viebranz '75, vice president of the MCAA, presided at the meeting. Hugh Marlow, director of alumni relations, welcomed alumni and noted that the College would that day honor the famed, undefeated football team of 1936. Eighteen members of the team returned for a 50th reunion—and all would gather once again at the 50 yard line during halftime.

Each of the MCAA directors then reported to the Council. Some highlights:

Athletics. Jeremy Smith '68. Here's a way for alumni to become involved—be part of a national network of "scouts" to let the College know of outstanding high school men and women scholar-athletes. Then, being careful to stay within the guidelines of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), Middlebury coaches can make appropriate contacts. One hundred and twenty alumni now participate in this referral network. More are needed, from Maine to Mexico.

Class Secretaries. Les Ingalls '41. Each year the College recognizes outstanding class secretaries. While it is always difficult to make a decision, the awards are based on participation, performance, and enthusiasm. This year's award to top class secretaries went to Nancy Clark Herter and Todd Wadsworth of the Class of 1976 and to Rhoda Southall and H. Carleton ("Cy") Seymour (posthumously) of the Class of 1927. Congratulations, and thanks for the combined efforts of all the class secretaries!

Continuing Education. Joan Kerrigan '71. This is a priority area for the Association and the Alumni Office. We hope that you have noticed that more continuing education opportunities are being offered to alumni. As a new director, Joan announced her plan to work first to establish communication with the regional chapters and clubs around the country. She described her "dream" of continuing alumni education through a variety of means—consortia with other colleges, collaboration with Middlebury professors and alumni professors, and special sessions for alumni at major national professional conferences. The major challenge, Joan says, is how to bridge the distance between Middlebury and alumni in 50 states, and her ultimate hope is to use technology like videos and computers. Joan welcomes your suggestions regarding content and format.

Leadership and Awards. Bill Kieffer '64. The country has been divided into 11 regions, where the regional leadership will help identify candidates for alumni plaques, alumni achievement awards, and nominations to the MCAA directors board and the College Board of Trustees. You can participate in this process by forwarding information about outstanding alumni to the College or to the MCAA directors.

A special event at Alumni Council meetings is Professor Pardon Tillinghast's candid, rapid-fire talk on the state of the College. As usual, he did not disappoint. Professor Tillinghast began with a report on the President's Historical Commission, appointed by President Robison to think about ways to help the College keep in touch with its past as it moves into the future. And then he noted that time does move on—this will be Hillcrest's last year as a dormitory. The wood frame building will be torn down next summer to make room for an addition to Proctor Hall which will provide more student activity space. Last year, Professor Tillinghast continued, a faculty report on the Middlebury curriculum produced much discussion about the winter term program—and prompted some new ideas, including a proposal for a special Freshman Seminar program. And, finally, a big issue on campus has been the new Vermont state drinking law and its impact on campus life. Students who turned 18 before July 1, 1987 are allowed to buy alcohol in Vermont. That means half the freshmen class drinks legally—but half cannot. The result appears to be some negative changes in campus social life, like more drinking in the dormitories. The College is giving the problem considerable thought.

Professor Tillinghast did not leave us on a negative note. He finds the College and its students in vital condition. Middlebury is a place where ideas are flourishing, he assured us, and the academic program is as exciting and challenging as it ever has been. —Dorothy Bonner '59

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Chapter News

Last year the Middlebury College Alumni Association moved forward to give special attention to three experimental, regional pilot chapters—in Denver, Boston, and Hartford—which, the MCAA hoped, would become the foundation for more

formal regional chapter organizations around the country. The experiment has been a great success—and the MCAA hopes to have several new chapters join the pilot project in the near future. Meanwhile, of course, alumni activity continues to expand in mid-Vermont, Providence, Philadelphia, New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. Here's a report on the activities of the three pilot chapters, cribbed from their association newsletters:

Boston: In February, over 100 Middlebury alumni heard Middlebury President Olin Robison address the Boston Luncheon Club, a noontime lecture series sponsored by regional alumni organizations from Williams, Smith, Amherst, Wesleyan, and Trinity. In all, an audience of 200 heard President Robison offer his insights about the Soviet Union.

Other recent chapter highlights included a December holiday reception, attended by 250 alumni of all ages, and a young alumni gathering with a March evening of music and dancing at the Links Club (1,000 alumni in the greater Boston area graduated in the last ten years).

Rocky Mountain Region (Denver): An audience of 30 heard Middlebury physics professor Richard Wolfson's wide ranging talk on the sciences at Middlebury. Dean of Admissions Fred Neuberger '50 visited Denver on a recruiting trip in October, and he met with the Denver area alumni admissions representatives. Last year this group performed 50 interviews.

The Rocky Mountain Alumni Association has decided to take the lead in raising funds for a scholarship fund in memory of Leslie "Les" Streeter '55. One of Middlebury's best skiers ever and a longtime Denver-area resident, Streeter and his son died in an August plane crash. The local fund raising effort was to begin at a "ski rendezvous" and dinner scheduled for Vail in March.

Midd/CT (Hartford): The latest Midd/CT Alumni Association newsletter lists these events of the last year or so: a December holiday reception, a tour of the Atheneum Library, a Middlebury choir concert, a reception and a Hartford Whalers game, a D-8 concert, a faculty seminar with Middlebury geography professor Ron Liebowitz, an "Admissions Yield" party, a Mystic Seaport tour and cruise, and a football tailgate party at Wesleyan—to name a few. They have ambitious plans to extend the list for 1987.

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Just because the Boston Red Sox got beat by the New York Mets doesn't mean old Father Time has beat you into submission, does it? Don't give in to those aches and pains that come and go. Make the most of what you can enjoy. Be busy with something. Like write a letter to your classmates. It doesn't take too much effort and they would like some word from you as to what you are doing. It helps others to get their minds off their own problems to hear about yours. Believe it or not. I once asked a man how he was. I made a grave mistake there, because it took him an hour to tell me. But I think it helped him and it made me feel good to think how much better off I was than he!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald D. Fredrickson (Dorothy Johnson), 199 Central Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940, and Donald R. Banks, Rudd Pond Road, Millerton, NY 12546.*

We're sure all the class joins us when we say how much we are indebted to **Dorothy Saltmarsh Hillman**, who died on August 29, 1986, for her efforts over the many years she served as co-secretary for our class. She will be sorely missed. We are further saddened to report the death of **Merrick (Chape) Chapin** on September 25, 1986. Chape passed away after a long illness, putting up a courageous fight to the very end. His devotion to Middlebury over the many years he served as our secretary is known to all of us and greatly appreciated. Chape, we will miss you. A letter of condolence has been sent to his family on behalf of our class. A more detailed notice

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15 Houston, TX—Dinner with President Olin Robison

22 Washington, DC—Dinner with President Olin Robison

28 Columbus, OH—Reception with Professor Charles Scott

30 Cleveland, OH—Dinner with Professor Charles Scott

May

7 Hartford, CT—Reception with Professor Pardon Tillinghast

8 Fairfield, CT—Dinner with Professor Pardon Tillinghast

22 Commencement

June

1-5 Alumni College—Middlebury

4 Boston, MA—Reception

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appears in the obituary section of this issue. . . .While vacationing in Vermont last summer, **Ernest** and **Evelyn Plumley Adams** had several happy reunions with **Kay Stockwell Geehr** at her home in Brattleboro. In July they also had a very pleasant luncheon with **Isabell Marshall Howard** and **Helen Newton Ehlert** (of Detroit) at the Howard farm in North Clarendon. . . .**Bea Stevens McElwain** visited with friends again in North Hero, Vt., in August, enjoying the unique beauty of that part of the state. Visiting Middlebury, she was pleased to see that there is no longer a turn-around back of the Chateau. She would like to see a Monet-inspired flower garden in the French manner there, perhaps with the French faculty and the botany classes working together on the project. . . .**Phyllis Crane** still pursues an active and creative life. Her "Big Sur," a 24″ x 36″ oil on canvas, shown first at Lincoln Center, was recently exhibited at the American Museum in Yorktown, Va., in their *America the Beautiful* national show. In September some of her works were seen with the Burr Artists in New York City at the new Javits Center; in October at the "Pen and Brush" in New York City—the oldest art club for women in the U.S. Says Phyllis, "Sales have been very good, so at 83 I'm still young at heart and going strong even if a bit slower." We should say she has not slowed down much. Early in 1986 she went to San Diego for a Crane reunion and a special wedding. Last summer she attended the Alumni College water color class at Bread Loaf. What a gal! Keep it up, Phyllis! . . .**Esther Spooner** speaks wistfully about her life in Provincetown, Mass. She has a view of the water, but is confined to her quarters, so would love to have a call from anyone who gets down to the Cape. . . .For their 65th reunion at Newburyport High School, **Bea Stevens McElwain** and **Dot Johnson Fredrickson** were able to get together. We suppose many others had their 65th, but we did not hear about them. Regretfully, neither of your secretaries were able to make Homecoming in the fall. **Dot Johnson Fredrickson** had a serious foot operation, leaving her to hobble around with walker and cane for many weeks. But her spirit remains good and that is important. **Don Banks** cancelled Homecoming reservations to act as morale builder and housekeeper when wife Dot had major surgery in early October. She is recuperating at home.

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth Goodale Murray, RR 1, Box 396, Perkinsville, VT 05151, and W. Ransom Rice, 800 Main St., Niagara Falls, NY 14301.*

Bill Rice reports the arrival of great-grandchildren Leah Jeanne (daughter of the Richard Kolkes) and Geoffrey Andrew (son of the Daniel Bazemores). Both are grandchildren of Jeanne Rice Phelps '52. Great-uncles of the newborns are the Rev. W. Ransom Rice '53 and Charles R. Rice '58. . . .Bill has received letters from **Helen Durick Mangan** and the Rev. **Reginald Eastman**. . . .Dorothy Tillapaugh Headley '25 would particularly like to be remembered to **Betty Goodale Murray** and **Clara Park Burnside**, as well as to **Roger Scott**. . . .There were 169 of us when we entered Middlebury back in 1922. Ten of the surviving 53 graduates, plus some spouses, made it to our 60th reunion last May. Pictured in our class photograph are **Bill Hade, Dick Allen, Lin Robinson, Bill Rice, Roland Bennett, Roger Scott, Clara Park Burnside, Betty Goodale Murray** and **Helen Woodworth Gwin**. Unfortunately, **Nita Pritchard Cook** was not present for our photo session. **Bill Rice** and **Betty Murray**, who have served ten years as co-secretaries, were re-elected to another five-year term at reunion. So please reward us by sending us news of your activities so we may share them through this column.

Rhoda B. Southall '27 displays the magnificent goshawk which met its demise by crashing into her house while in the process of catching its next meal, a mourning dove. Measuring 20 inches from head to tail and 43 inches in wingspread, the bird nearly dwarfs Rhoda, who lives in the wilds of the Adirondacks.

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Class Secretary: *Rhoda B. Southall, La Beatiere, Spencertown, NY 12165.*

Having sold their homes on the Cape and in Largo, Fla., Mary and **Mervin (Mac) McCutchen** have moved into a full service retirement home: Pinecrest Place, #302, 1150 8th Ave. S.W., Largo, FL 33540. . . .Intrepid travelers Rebecca and **Howard Cutler** spent two weeks in September in England visiting a niece and her husband. They went to a music festival in Sussex, then to Wales and the Lake District, where they climbed around the fells. Upon returning home, they went to Williamsburg. . . .**Katie Roberts** and her sister greatly enjoyed a bus trip to Pennsylvania, visiting Valley Forge, Philadelphia, Longwood Gardens, Hershey, Gettysburg. Vermonter that she is, Katie was proud that the 160-feet-in-diameter rotunda of Founder's Hall is made of a million dollars worth of Vermont marble. . . .**Eva Menotti Fitzgerald** is so happy that the bells are once again in place, remembering what a great comfort and joy they were to her walking up the hill from working in the library. . . .**Ruth Howland Merriam** (Rummy) attended the Tri-State Meeting at the Homestead in Walpole, N.H., where the Class of 1927 was well represented by **Judy Austin, Marion Morgan Herrlich**, and Rummy. . . .**Charles Adams** (Charlie) writes that his only son has qualified to be appointed a Major. . . .**Edna Graham Hinds** spent a pleasant early summer week at Lake Masama in New Hampshire. She also enjoyed Rossini opera in Cooperstown and *South Pacific* at a theater in the Poconos. She journeyed to Middlebury for the annual class secretaries meeting and she and **Freddie Ives** became co-chairmen for our 60th Reunion. Thanksgiving was to be spent with friends in Laurens, N.Y.; she was going to St. Petersburg after January 1. . . .**Julia B. Austin** attended the annual meeting of the Vermont Retired Teachers Association in Montpelier, chatting with Marjorie Dewing '28, Alla Fitzgerald Smith '29, and Newton Baker '29. She spent a few days in Northfield, Mass., where she had taught for 15 years before moving to Barre. . . .**Elizabeth Hack Simons** (Lisbo) had a happy reunion in August with her cousin in Westfield, Mass. She enjoyed going over old family photographs and articles, especially about Governor Oemelee, her grandmother's brother. . . .**Ruby D. Elwell** was hospitalized for over a month in the fall. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Ruby. . . .From **Rachel L. Spear**: "San Diego sunbeams glancing through my dinette window fall upon the beautiful Middlebury plaque (15 inches in diameter) that now rests on my antique sideboard, reflecting in its shiny surface the plate you classmates presented me at our 55th reunion, the plate that wishes me 'LA SANTE, L'AMOUR, LA RICHESSE, ET LE TEMPS POUR EN JOUIR.' Here in a corner of my living room is my Middlebury nook, my daily reminder of the years we spent together at our 'college on the hill.' How we'll miss **Cy Seymour**, master of ceremonies at our friendly 55th and thereafter jolly class secretary until his death in August. We mourn with his family as we contemplate his empty chair at our 60th in May '87. In September I traveled abroad again, on a one-day bus trip to Tijuana. At the new Cultural Center we saw a documentary film on wide screen, a splendid introduction to Mexican history, archeology, national leaders, their Revolution, and tourist places, like Guadalajara. For San Diego seniors this was a comfortable way to learn about our nearest foreign neighbor. The spectacular ruins of their ancient cities seemed to me to rival those of ancient Greece and Rome. I ponder why in my elementary education I heard little about these wonders of our own hemisphere. In October the San Diego Zoo celebrated its 70th birthday. A new attraction is an albino Koala, one of two in existence. Remember when Professor Longwell taught us about albinos? I have been reading Florida Scott-Maxwell's *The Measure of My Days*, the private notebook of a remarkable 82-year-old woman encountering the challenge of old age. Read it; I think you'll like it." . . . **Francis (Freddie)** and Evelyn Jones '29 **Ives** took a 12-day boat trip on the Saguenay and St. Lawrence Rivers in Quebec, returning through the Erie Canal, Hudson River, and Long Island Sound to Warren, R.I. The boat was no luxury liner, but they enjoyed the trip and recommend it. . . .How many of you have secretly longed to get away from the busy life of the city and live on an island? Jim and **Edith (Pete)**

Markwell Hawley (1950 Beachwood Drive, Freeland, WA 98249) are doing just that. They live in the Puget Sound on Whidbey Island which is 50 miles long, has seven villages, two large Naval Reservations, miles of beautiful beaches, hundreds of acres of evergreen forest, and lots of wildlife. They have good ferry service to the Mainland, and a bridge at Deception Point connecting them to the continent. . . .**Hilda Smith Straw** continues to edit manuscripts for two friends. She also does some editing for her church rector and wishes that she had lots more to do. . . .**Rhoda B. Southall** says her most exciting experience this year happened just as she was getting ready to go to the hospital to visit her housemate, Elaine Mansell. Hearing a terrible noise, she found that a goshawk with a dying mourning dove in its beak had struck the side of the house and broken its neck. "It was a truly magnificent bird, with wingspread of 43 inches, measuring 20 inches from head to tail." Rhoda closes, "It has been very difficult for me to write this column, because I miss **Cy Seymour** so terribly. We became great friends during our term of office. I depended on his great sense of humor and his flair for turning a phrase to make my copy look good. After his visit with us in November I realized that his health was failing, but he never failed the Class of 1927 or Middlebury."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. John D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Box 1256, Concord, MA 01742, and N.J. Blanchette, Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville, CT 06039.*

Del Hadley Lardner, Mimi Sweet Coombs, and **Hank Ferry** enjoyed the weather spectacular—complete with Hunter's Moon—especially arranged for Homecoming last October. **Nap Blanchette** is ready for the September '87 secretaries conference and our reunion planning session. **John March** promises to be on hand for our 60th. In that regard, Betty Goodale Murray '26 and Bill Rice '26 gave us some ideas that worked for them, and we shall be asking for yours. . . .**Hank Ferry**, our class agent, wants you to know how proud he is of your loyalty to Middlebury, expressed in your responses. Hank, by the way, is still involved in helping members of the Ferry family find their branches on the tree. Genealogy is still a major interest, although he doesn't plan to write another book. From their Amherst vantage point, he and Dot follow the Panthers; Nap and Ruth often join them. . . .Before escaping to Florida, **Del Hadley Lardner** enjoyed Alumni College. Picasso was her course choice this time. At Bread Loaf we learned that more of us will have more Midd-sponsored educational opportunities in our own geographical areas. As the College expands its continuing education program for alumni, Middlebury professors will travel to conduct seminars. Many of us already continue education on our own. **George Eaton** writes that he enjoys "The Club," a 25-member group, each one of whom hosts the group once a year, with the host reading a paper he has prepared on a subject of his choice. George recently presented one on early Indian inhabitants along the Connecticut River. George, who still lives in Montpelier, is also involved in SCORE (Senior Corps of Retired Executives) whose members counsel people starting new businesses. He is also active in the local chapter of AARP. . . .Though many of our New England classmates flee to Florida as **Vida Waterman Davis** used to do, she has decided to remain in Chester, Vt., this winter and renew old friendships. She recalls our 55th with pleasure and enjoys news of classmates, even though she is often silent. Vida now has a great-grandson to brag about, a favorite pastime for those of us who are so lucky. . . .**Evelyn Quick Clark** shares this joy. She recently enjoyed a two-week visit with her two great-granddaughters in London. Ev does a great deal of traveling, when she isn't playing bridge. She sends her greetings. . . .Also very active in their own spheres are **Ruth Simmons (Simmie) Dinkel, Helen Bailey, Jane Carrick Oviatt, Zella Cole Hibbert** and **Betty Hoadley**. . . .There's a new address for **Mary Sawyer**, now in the Waterbury Nursing Center, 1243 West Main St., Waterbury, CT 06702. . . .The Rev. **Roger Cleveland** and his "spirited" house were featured in *New Hampshire Profiles*, in October. Pictured examining the two graves in the cellar of his New Hampton home, he told his interviewer, "Lately my ghost has been dormant, and I think whoever it is realizes that I am not quite as well as I was. I go for dialysis twice a week and require a good night's sleep." Roger's pace at 86 would challenge man or ghost. . . .Think '88!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. E.J. Kelly (Frances Foley), 130 Prospect Ave., Northampton, MA 01060, and J. Malcolm Williams, 3 Main St., Poultney, VT 05764.*

George and **Elizabeth Goodrich Chapin** have finally decided to forego winters in New Hampshire. "It was not only the snow and cold but burning wood, with all of the lugging involved, appealed to us less and less, even though we are not afraid of work. At any rate, we took the plunge, bought a mobile home and settled for four months last winter on the outskirts of Valdosta, Ga., a beautiful city which seems to have everything one could desire, including very friendly people. Up north we are involved in church work and a most rewarding prison ministry in Windsor, Vt., across the Connecticut River from Cornish, N.H., where we live." . . .**Ruth Bly Illingworth** writes that, after extensive investigation into retirement homes in the South, she and her husband finally decided to winter in South Carolina (Cooper Hall, #319, 937 Bowman Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464). Their welcome mat will always be out to any '29ers who should be in the vicinity. Ruth also informed us of the death of **Irma Willey Folsom** on May 19, 1986. (See memorial in Autumn '86 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*.)

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Beecher W. Dudey (Helen Kendall), 220 Ash St., Corinth, NY 12822.*

Fred Dirks was one of five "achievers" honored at Homecoming. His work in Washington and his heading a fund-raising effort to support a faculty chair in economics at Middlebury have earned him this recognition and a place in our hearts. . . .**Helen Simpson Hull**, who wrote two biographies last summer, is still active in community service in Honolulu. Indeed, she was the guest of honor at a recent Hawaii Heart Association dinner. This organization has developed into a million dollar operation, serving the entire Pacific basin. Helen remembers when it had a budget of $5,000 per year. . . .**Howard Huntress, Carolyn Allen**, and **Virginia Knox** are doing a good job for us. Ginny has helped Howard and Carolyn, as well as your secretary, **Helen Kendall Dudey**, when needs arise. Only **Fred Dirks** and I were at Homecoming. The weather was cooperative, so the mountains at Bread Loaf were beautiful. We look forward to a good year of 1987.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Parker (Linnea Wall), P.O. Box 94, 266 Hardings Beach Road, West Chatham, MA 02669.*

Happy remembrances of our reunion have been received in several letters. **Betty Pease Felt** writes that husband Bill—whose reunion at Clark University also came in 1986—admitted that our reunion "won decisively." . . .**Marian Tolles Chase** reports she attended the summer Tri-State Alumnae meeting at Kirk Center. Six other '31ers were also there: **Ellen Kellogg Norton, Theta Conant Claflin, Mary Stolte Toomey, Virginia Cole, Helen Legate Roberts** and **Priscilla March**. Their annual auction raised more than $250 for annual giving. Marian also reported that Ellen's husband, Spencer Norton, suffered a stroke. We hope he has completely recovered by now. . . .**Ken MacClelland** said the reunion was "too brief." Ken has finalized his local union constitution; his TV script is in the hands of a young producer (we hope it will appear soon); he and Jo purchased a computer system which, he says, is "the best thing since sliced bread"; his daily schedule consists of four hours of writing, two hours of easel painting, and two hours of maintenance and "kitchen slavery," otherwise mischief. We hope that his update will inspire others who missed the reunion deadline to send us news of their activities. . . .**Nathalie Lewis Emery** declared our class picture excellent. The Emerys added a downstairs bedroom last summer, as well as flower gardening and duplicate bridge playing. They hoped to visit Newport, R.I., in the fall. . . .**Alice Heywood Parker**'s husband called to tell us that she passed away, after a long illness, in August. (A memorial appeared in the last issue). You may remember that one of their sons, Robert, is an astronaut who has been on at least one space mission. . . .David and **Betsy Currier Buck**, busy as usual, were having their house painted. . . .**Walt Crocker** tells us that Peg and **Floyd Hinman** visited friends on the Cape and stopped in on the Crockers on the way back to Marblehead.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Wallace E. Green (Evelyn Clement), 16 Ludwig Court, Burlington, VT 05401, and Dr. Lynn R. Callin, 1823 Pine Glade Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33907.*

Congratulations again to **Arnold Melbye**, who is still winning wide acclaim for his bird carvings. He is featured in a September article in the *Boston Globe*: "The work of Arnold Melbye, a resident of South Yarmouth since 1940, is one of the main attractions of the 11th Bird Carvers Exhibit being held at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History in Brewster. Melbye's work has become well known across the country and is much sought by collectors and bird lovers. He has been carving game birds, shore birds, and dozens of other species for 51 years, earning the nickname of 'the dean of bird carvers.'" . . .Chad and **Eva Tuttle Walsh** were preparing to leave for a three-week tour of the Orient last fall. For Chad this fulfills a 40-year dream, dating back to his interest in Japan when he was a translator during World War II.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Philip L. Carpenter (Helen Easton), 18 Quagnut Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879.*

Helen and **Dick Allen** gave up their planned People-to-People tennis trip to West Germany, Switzerland, and Italy last summer, at the insistence of their children who were concerned about travel uncertainties. They hope these trips can soon be resumed because of the world friendship and understanding that they foster. . . .**Art Amelung** reports a change of address: 2931 Swamp Road, RD 3, Doylestown, PA 18901. This area is "not nearly as bad as it sounds," says Art. . . .Good wishes at Homecoming time arrived from Jane and **Spud Bill**, who have been having their share of difficulties. Their trip to China, scheduled for last July, had to be cancelled due to Spud's health. Shortly thereafter he began chemotherapy for metastatic cancer, but that had to be halted in September when he developed pneumonia. He later suffered a stroke and, in October, was in a rehabilitation center trying to recover use of his right arm and leg, while having speech therapy. . . .Mary Williams Brackett '36, who was at Middlebury for the trustees' meeting, stayed over for Homecoming and the opportunity to meet again with **Tony Brackett**'s "Birch Bunch" friends and classmates. . . .Although Mil was not well enough to make the trip for Homecoming (due to an operation), she still insisted that **Fen Buffum** come to mark his 25th consecutive Homecoming. Mil wrote that some years ago, while visiting daughter Milly in Maine, they were having lunch in a Brunswick restaurant when **Virginia Kent Wicks**'s son, Frank, came over to the Buffum table. Seems the younger generation had become acquainted through work with the Maine humanities projects, and they all had a good laugh when Frank discovered that Fen and Virginia (his mother) had been classmates at Middlebury. . . .**Phil** and **Helen Easton Carpenter** attended Alumni College last August. She was most enthusiastic about her course on Emily Dickenson's poetry, and he was happy about his course—rivers of water and ice—complete with field trip. . . .Bill and **Doris Barnard Dolt** planned to spend March 1987 in a condominium at Myrtle Beach, Fla. . . .**Mel** and **Amy Niles Glazier** visited **Lyle** and Marianne Monroe '39 **Glazier** in mid-September. Lyle reports that Mel is "wonderfully recovered" from his difficulties of two years ago. On September 30 Lyle was planning a drive to Middlebury to attend a meeting at Starr Library and to "drop in on Dr. Beers and visit the Community House (where I was a janitor in my college days) to drop off a transcript of a tape of Mrs. Jessica Swift reminiscing about her years in Middlebury and about the Park McCullough house here in Bennington, the home of the governor who gave Middlebury College its gymnasium, hallowed in the memory of our generation of students. Amy does not feel up to traveling, but enjoys our children's short visits—when they don't all come at once." . . .**Everett Gould** had a good celebration of his 81st birthday, considering that this was his first without Beulah. His elder daughter, Barbara, helped him "celebrate it by baking a cake and preparing a tasty dinner. . . .These are days of depression and procrastination. However, things have to be done and one finally gets back on the track. I bought a microwave and am trying to 'get the hang of it,' without any great success." . . .Mary-Jo and **Arnie Lewis** spent two weeks in August at the Atheneum Hotel, Chautauqua Institution, New York, where activities are planned for the body, mind, and soul. "Church services, concerts, ballet, lectures, opera, symphony, golf, swimming, and walking kept us busy night and day." . . .Dusty and **Dick Roberts** were finally able to take their cruise to Alaska on the Viking Line, and report that it definitely fulfilled their expectations. The weather was fine, the cuisine excellent, and the company and sightseeing were superb. They spent some time in Vancouver, especially enjoying the botanical gardens. . . .**Aaron Schefkind** and family (party of 10) attended Homecoming at Bread Loaf in October. Soon he hopes to have a hoist van, which will enable him to attend more functions where access to the handicapped is limited. . . .For his birthday last August, **Bill Volkmar** says they had a great get-together. One of his daughters and her family came for a visit of several weeks from Hawaii, where they live in Hilo. . . .**Ginnie Whittier Warthin** attended Homecoming this fall and spent some time with two undergraduates at the College—grandson Daniel Warthin '87 and granddaughter Elisabeth Warthin '89. . . .As noted elsewhere, **Bill Weier** died September 19, 1986, after an illness of nearly four months. Reminiscing in 1982, Bill wrote: "I remember hitting the pavement after graduation, determined to get a job as a cub reporter. . . .I was lucky and got a break with the *New York Post* at $20 a week. . .until the paper changed ownership a year or so later." Then he found a job with Prudential Insurance Co., at $75 a month. "The road was slow but steady, giving experience in publicity, company publications, advertising, sales promotion and community relations." In 1975 he finally gave up his "Piece of the Rock and retired on his 40th anniversary with Mother Pru." He was always mindful of the role Middlebury played in his career. As an undergraduate he was active in publications; he served on the staff of *The Campus* and was editor-in-chief of the *Kaleidoscope*. Dot Weier was long ago accepted as an honorary member of '33. To her and to their sons, Grant '62 and Stuart, the class extends heartfelt personal sympathy. . . .**Virginia Kent Wicks** wrote that her husband, Frank, "died peacefully on August 30, 1986. He rests now in peace amid the beautiful hills of Vermont he loved and knew so well. His faith, hope and love never deserted him throughout his long illness." Our love and sympathy to Virginia and her family and friends. . . .Last fall through spring were most exciting for **Red Yeomans**: "My son, Donald '64, who works for the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, was 'Mr. Halley's Comet.' He was the person who determined the path of the comet and worked with the Russians, Europeans, and Japanese in determining the path of their 'fly bys.' He also wrote a book, *Comet Halley—Once in a Lifetime*, and made several appearances on TV." Thanks also, Red, for the funny contribution which we hope to use at our 55th reunion in 1988. Come—one and all—to hear it!

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth French, 765 Union Ave., #406, Lakeport Square, Laconia, NH 03246, and Douglas E. Howie, P.O. Box 635, Walpole, NH 03608.*

Our recent "non-summer" reminded **Nelda Filippone Alleva** of the summer-less summer of '45. Living in a large sub-let house in Canton, N.Y., she had to keep a wood fire going all summer to keep the chill out of the house for 6-month old daughter, Peggy. *This* summer began very auspiciously for the Allevas, "with the lovely wedding Sunday, May 25, of Anne Schwalbach and our son, Richard, in Washington, D.C. The 'Hands Across America' event was taking place at the time, so we witnessed the exchange of vows and blessing of the rings amid strains of Franz Haydn's *String Quartet in C* in the Baha'i Center where the ecumenical ceremony took place. Richard has been writing film reviews for *Crisis*, a monthly journal published in Notre Dame, Ind. Anne is a music teacher in the Windsor Elementary School." . . .Our first communique from **Frank Locke** since our 50th reunion informs us that the Lockes have sold their home at Posie Lake, Hudson, Mich. "After many frustrating delays our new home in Annapolis was finally completed in time for us to celebrate Christmas (1985) amongst stacks of boxes of books, etc. Annapolis is a delightful town with many interesting people, places, and things to do. Daughter Priscilla, her husband Bob, and their two children live about 15 minutes from here—which had quite a bit to do with our decision to come here. Son John keeps his sailboat just a few miles from here so we can see them frequently during the warmer months. We all attended graduation last May when youngest Edward received his MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Ed is now located in Charlotte, N.C." Looking in the our class Reunion Book, Frank discovered only one classmate living in Maryland. On a trip to Tilghman Island, he and wife Pat "stopped at the little Post Office for directions and, five minutes later, rang the doorbell (wondering what *our* reaction would be if someone from over half a century before had popped up at our door!)." Turned out that John and **Meriel Willard Lord** are "delightful people" and they are hoping to get together again in Annapolis. The Lockes would like to hear from other Midd alumni in their area ("even though they didn't graduate from a sainted class like ours"): 977 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403 (301-263-8229). . . ."There were few berries this summer," reports **Raymond Mercier**, "and it was too cold in May to have my usual vegetable garden." Also in May, Raymond's heart "sort of went on strike and stopped working several times. Fortunately the ambulance personnel and the hospital were able to get it working again. I ended up having a pacemaker installed. So far, so good!" . . .Betsy and **Douglas Howie** attended the Class Secretaries' Conference at Midd Homecoming weekend. They report that **Travis** and Margaret Leach '36 **Harris** spent five weeks in England recently, exchanging their Vermont home for one there. The deal included the use of the owner's auto, enabling them to see a lot of the countryside. They also spent about ten days in Denmark, visiting places and friends made some years ago when Trav spent his sabbatical there. Trav says he feels fine since his bypass operation last February, has slimmed down, and has reduced his medication to a very moderate amount. . . .Dr. **Lester H. Lovell** had a new calling card printed for the occasion of his second retirement from private practice: "I wake up in the morning/with nothing to do/and by nightfall/I'm halfway through." He also plans to resign as medical officer of Brattleboro, Vt., after 35 years. . . .Earl and **Mary Carrick Hobart** were happy to attend a wonderful celebration for Robert and **Margery Plue Young** on their 50th wedding anniversary. . . .Visiting relatives brought a busy summer to **Leslie** and **Sands Burchard Robart** in Andover. Sandy said the visiting twins were a pair of pistols, practicing their own 5-year-old form of karate! The Robarts also had a lovely visit with **Winifred Bland** at her home on Block Island. We can look forward to a report of the Robarts' trip to East Anglia. . . ."Red" '37 and **Alice Parsons Harris** attended the leadership conference alumni meeting at Midd, exploring the new dormitory and finding the campus very changed in many ways, but very nice. . . .We were sorry to hear of the death of Miriam Smith

Hickcox '35. Mim was very close to us. As you probably know, she was the sister-in-law of Dr. **Curtiss Hickcox**, and she was the cousin of **Ruth Hanchett Hutton**. All of us will miss Mim and wish to extend our sympathy.

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Class Secretaries: *Avis E. Fischer, 6438 Sunset Drive, Frederick, MD 21701, and W. Wyman Smith, 325 College St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Bud '33 and **Louise Fleig Newman** recently flew their "Arrow" to Alaska, visiting with friends they knew when they lived in Anchorage and making stops in Canada en route. In October, they were winging it to AOPA meetings in California and San Antonio. . . .Carroll and **Virginia Easler Wilson** took an Adventure Cruise to Alaska, a trip which included river rafting and canoeing to view whales and sea lions, puffins, and bald eagles. They later ventured to China, where they noticed that the Chinese seem to love steps (one flight of 800 steps would seem to prove something!) and walls. In July they enjoyed Vancouver, Victoria, and a spectacular drive from Seattle to Los Angeles. . . .**Sarah Lou Elliott Ordway**'s cruise to Alaska was leisurely enough to permit crab-potting and clam digging; kayakers could explore caves and inlets. They also had good views of sea life and excellent scenery. "For fun," writes Sarah Lou, "I received personal and practical instruction in navigation by chart, compass, and radar, and in steering the ship on the Inland Passage!" . . .**Lucy Roberts**, who recently went to Florida, has attended many Elderhostels in recent years, including two in Arizona and three in Canada. . . .**Jim Brock** enjoys talking about his sailing experiences "for very extended periods when given the opportunity." For the last decade, he has been involved in a little racing and much cruising on a 33-foot sloop on Lake Champlain. If you would like the details of his delightful history, please ask your class secretaries for the original letter. It's great! . . .**Natalie Dunsmoor** spent two weeks in Florida in the summer, partly to attend a Sigma Kappa national convention. Along with **Mildred Aubrey Monagan, Wyman Smith** and **Pat Lyon Crowley**, Natalie also attended an "exciting and stimulating" Alumni College in August. Topics included "A Critique of the New Christian Right," "Chemistry for Non-Science Majors," "Vermont Ballads," and "China Ten Years After Mao." Wyman says, "You become quite enthusiastic about the quality of the College faculty. A botanist led a trip to Lake Pleiad, and President Robison brought us up to date on the Soviet Union." From a course entitled "Liberty and Union," Pat recommends *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787*, by Gordon W. Wood. . . .We were pleased to hear that **Margery Hanchett Woodside** is doing very well. Her great niece, Wendy Williams, is a freshman at Middlebury this year. . . .Pauline **Yasinski** had a new grandson last winter. She still winters in Florida and summers in Vermont. Her brother-in-law, Harold Yasinski '38, died only five months after **Bill**, also of a heart attack. . . .By the time this reaches you it will not be news that **Miriam Smith Hickcox** died in August, a truly great loss to our class. When the newspaper obituary suggested memorial contributions to the Frank and Elizabeth Hickcox Scholarship Fund, we learned from Gordie Perine '49 that this fund was established many years ago by their children. Although Frank and Elizabeth did not attend Middlebury, seven of their children did. In addition to this fund, the Miriam Smith Hickcox Memorial has been established in the Alumni Endowment. Gordie reported that he attended a lovely memorial service at her favorite spot on Lake Memphremagog. . . .Another report from Gordie indicates that income from the Patricia Littlefield Memorial "is used for general support of the College and Patricia's name will always appear with her class in the class donor roll. It is most fitting that this fund was established in her memory as she was such a wonderful person and a very loyal and dedicated alumna." These are two most worthy funds for our contributions to Middlebury, don't you think? . . .Congratulations to **Jo Knox Divoll, Lee Halpin, Mary Clark Hopkins, Doris Hiller Lynch, Louise Fulton Mapps**, and **Betty Bryan Sheldon** on their biannual round robin, which has continued with scarcely a lapse for some 45 years, and on their annual reunion which has covered an even longer period. Their group includes husbands as well as a number of friends from the class of '36, among whom Frank and Mavis Jones Little have usually served as hosts. This must be some kind of record for sustained performance, for loyal devotion to Middlebury—and for patience on the part of the husbands of reminiscing spouses.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. James Cooper (Harmony Buell), 30 Glenwood Drive, Brewster, MA 02631, and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, Beaver Meadow Village, 21 Piscataqua Road, Concord, NH 03301.*

At Harvard's 350th celebration, the question came up as to what really holds a university together. Former President Hutchins of Chicago was once quoted as saying, "A modern university is a series of separate schools and departments held together by a central heating system." To some extent, may not our news items in this ongoing *Magazine* be part of the glue that gives Middlebury some extra strength and meaning for all of us? . . .Who made it to Homecoming from California? None other than our congenial classmate, **Jocko Martin**, tanned and well, but perhaps minding more than some the cold nights and crisp days that go with Vermont in October. We visited happily before the fireplace at the Bread Loaf Inn. He misses his Middlebury friends and, as he expressed it in a late-summer letter, "Living alone 3,000 miles away is no fun. Thought of moving east many times, and do travel east once or twice a year." . . .**Malcolm Gross** was sorry not to make our 50th reunion, but long-standing family plans came at the same time. The summer issue of *Middlebury Magazine* was of particular interest to him because Alexander Twilight ended up as a teacher and minister in Brownington, Vt., where Malcolm grew up on a farm. The farm was near 'The Old Stone House,' an amazing structure built by Twilight and some local farmers from huge 1,000-lb. granite blocks. He attended church in the same old building where Twilight had been the minister. The Old Stone House has served as a museum for 75 years. There is still one day each year when people come from far and wide to tour the museum, listen to speakers, and have a picnic. When visiting Vermont, Malcolm and Esther make a point of touring the museum, as memorabilia from ancestors of both their families are kept there. . . .**Dick Hubbard** was honored recently when he stepped down as president of the board of directors for the National Bank of Middlebury. Dick majored in geology but, upon the death of both of his parents—while he was only a senior at Middlebury—he took over his father's insurance agency. After 46 years he turned the agency over to his son, Peter. In 1939 Dick became a director of the bank. For all these things and for his service to the community and to the College, he was recently one of three, internationally, to receive the Harris Award, the highest award given by Rotary. Not surprisingly, he has also been president of the Middlebury Alumni Association. Dick is quoted as saying, "I consider myself very fortunate to live just off the campus in this wonderful college town, in the beautiful Champlain Valley." . . .Many of us visited with **John Holmes** at Homecoming. His health was much better and he was planning some western skiing this winter. Meanwhile, he is hitting a golf ball very well, as is **Bob Brown**. Both are busy—John with local and statewide activities, plus traveling; Bob continuing part time with the law office where he is now the senior man. Playing golf with this aging scribe (**Angus Brooks**), who had not played for several years, did John and Bob offer any advantages? Did they handicap themselves by offering strokes to such a one? At the end of this unequal affair did they demand cash, in full? Yes. Every penny! . . .Also at Homecoming, **Louise Hubbard McCoy** reported an uncertain summer as to health but was much improved and busy again with her broad interests in art, education, and literature. Although she did not mention it, we learn that she has been recognized as Vermont's representative to the National Performing Arts Center. She has also been recognized by the Rutland Chamber of Commerce as "The First Woman of the Year," for her service and leadership in art, education, and literature. Keep up the good work, Louise, and do stay well. . . .Last October, **Angus Brooks** was invited by his daughter, Nancy Brooks Richardson '68, to attend Alumni College at Martha's Vineyard. Gus and Nancy distinguished themselves by bicycling the seven miles from the ferry landing to the Harbor View Hotel in Edgartown, and back again. Some 30 people attended the four-day session—including **Anna Mayo**—led by Professor Emeritus Horace Beck and his wife, Jane Choate Beck '63. We learned about folklore of Vermont and of the sea, from trivia to matters of life and death. We liked the story of the hen who turned her back to a howling wind so strong that she had to lay the same egg four times! . . .Word comes from **Marion Cole Morhouse** that on August 7 she and **Bev Cone Pritchard** attended the Midd Tri-State meeting at Kirk Alumni Center. . . .Credits from a series of courses qualify **Bev Pritchard** to be a judge of flower shows. A critic in landscape design, Bev recently completed a gardening study course in Waltham, Mass. . . .Last September, **Barbara Lyons Steele** and her sister, Valda, spent a few days on Cape Cod visiting **Ray** and **Bunny Baker Cobb** in Wellfleet. To get away from the winter scene, Bunny and Ray planned to spend two weeks in Barbados during late February. . . .After an active summer, Ken and **Dottie Rich Dollahite** found restoration in a true wilderness area of northwest Montana in September. Their home is in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Dot's daughter, Nancy, teaches English at a foreign language institute in Chongquing, China. She gets out into the rural areas and stays with Chinese families, which foreigners are not often permitted to do. Nancy's two children—Kjell (15) and Ingri (12)—attend local schools there. Nancy plans to write a book about the culture of the country villages—a culture which was totally suppressed during Mao's reign. . . .Jim and **Harmony Buell Cooper** were in Portland, Oregon, in October to attend the wedding of son Daniel. It seemed only natural that while there they should meet the parents of Christy Conklin '90. . . .**Mary Williams Brackett** was recently made vice chairman of the Norwalk (Conn.) area Council of the Southwest Regional Mental Health Board.

She was unable to be with us in May because of the health of her husband, Tony '33; he later died, as reported in the last issue of the *Magazine*. Many of his friends from the Class of '33, as has been their custom for many years, had a mini-reunion at Homecoming in October, and they invited Mary to the banquet. In talking later, she suggested that our class might also enjoy more frequent but smaller reunions, prior to our 55th in 1991.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. Gertrude E. Dole, 4499 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx, NY 10471, and Pierce G. Couperus, RR 2, Box 950, Shaker Road, New London, NH 03257.*

Our 50th reunion is just around the corner. Do come back, *everyone*, and join in this exhilarating opportunity to get a new lease on life at 70-plus! . . .Thanks to those who responded to our letter. **John Macomber** wrote, "Dear Thirty-Sevens: That has a nice, young sound, doesn't it?" The last time John attended a reunion was in 1947, and he plans to come to this one. After 23 years of service, he "retired" from the Army to begin work with Regional Counsel's Office of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in Atlanta, where he is in close touch with his six children and five grandchildren. He lost his wife in 1980 and retired (again) later the same year, having been hospitalized four times with circulatory heart problems. His health has improved and he can't seem to find time to do everything he would like to do. "I play a little golf, do volunteer work with the Atlanta Zoological Society, and deliver Meals on Wheels. I am also active in the Retired Officers Association and will be going to its national convention in San Antonio in November. I'm anxious to get back to Midd and see the rest of our class." . . .Lou and **Isabel Ingham Baumgartner** journeyed to England in September for a six-week visit. . . .After **Doris Downing Daley** retired from teaching five years ago, she and Alton did some traveling in Europe, Hawaii, and St. Martens before his death two years ago. Since then Doris has spent a great deal of her time caring for her mother and father, both in their 90s. Her brother has come from Chicago twice a year to relieve her, allowing her to travel with a friend in this country and in the Canadian Rockies. Doris has two sons, one living only 40 miles away, and four grandchildren, who are very special to her. She hopes to be able to get to our reunion. . . .**Trudie Dole** enjoyed a weekend at Middlebury for alumni who are planning upcoming reunions. It was a pleasant opportunity to renew acquaintance with other attendees: Dorothy and **Ed Berry, Walt Brooker, Lois Bestor Craig, Ruth VanSickle Dyer, Herb** and Ginny Fischer '38 **Ellison, Paul** and Audrey Dimm '39 **Foster, Sue Hathaway Hopper, Frank** and Anne **Piskor**, and **Red** and Alice Parsons '34 **Harris**. . . .Early in 1986, **Lois Bestor Craig** visited her son Gregory and his wife in Washington on the arrival of their son, William Eliot Noyes Craig. Lois reports that last summer was the busiest season yet at her bookstore. . . .Bon voyage to Dot and **Ed Berry**. Ed recently retired from medical practice in New York City. He and Dot are both veteran sailors and continue to enjoy the open sea. After summer on Cape Cod, they planned to sail from New York to Florida on a 60-foot yacht in the fall, returning in the spring. . . .**Herb** and Ginny Fischer '38 **Ellison** are delighted with their new quarters in a retirement home in Bensalem, Pa., especially since the management has given Herb carte blanche to develop a garden spot in the ravine behind their first-floor apartment there. . . .From **Kay Stackel Leonard**: "Greetings from Harrisburg in the central Shenandoah Valley. I returned Labor Day from an excellent two-week tour of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, fulfilling a long-standing wish! In June '86 I attended another Elderhostel session, my ninth within the past five years. I recommend the program to anyone over 60 who hasn't tried it yet. My sessions in Wisconsin, New York, Michigan, North Carolina, plus several in Virginia, have all been most stimulating. For information contact your local library. Twice a year I enjoy visits with **Herb** and Ginny Fischer '38 **Ellison**, now at a life care community near Philadelphia, about 100 miles closer to me than formerly. They are now near my eldest son, Steve '63, in Maple Glen, Pa. Looking forward to seeing *many* of you in late May for our fantastic 50th! . . .**Erma Wright Ricard** had planned to be in Middlebury for the leadership conference, but instead spent the time in Athol, Mass., with her sister, whose husband was seriously ill. . . .**Sherry (Margaret) Scherholz Delfausse** also planned to attend the conference but was prevented by the pressure of her work. She suddenly found herself in charge of the grand opening of the Children's Museum on Staten Island when her supervisor resigned. . . .From the indomitable **Nancy Blanchard Britton**, an update on her projected trip to Alaska: In spite of her husband's illness, they were both able to enjoy a fabulous group tour. In addition to flying along the west coast of Alaska, they went on a motor trip to Portage Glacier, Alyiska, and Denali Park, where they saw Mt. Whittier, "which rarely shows itself in summer." They stopped at Fairbanks, motored through Tok and Chicken to Eagle, and cruised up the Yukon to the Klondike city of Dawson in Canada. Motoring through Whitehorse to Skagway, they took another cruise on the Inside Passage and up Glacier Bay. Nancy is now taking a correspondence course in creative writing from the University of Kentucky. . . .Sadly we must report the death of **Paul Myers** on September 13 in Mobile, Alabama. His wife, Martha, informed us that his death was quite sudden and unexpected; Paul had been eagerly looking forward to attending our 50th reunion. . . .**Mel Couperus** made his annual pilgrimage to the Middlebury golf course early in September to participate in the Gordon Perine ('49) Alumni Tournament. . . .Following a second total hip replacement last summer, **Ed Vassar** says, "I've got more steel in me than a car." On the brighter side, that situation temporarily exempts Ed from his share of household chores. Meanwhile, **Jean Porter Vassar** plays bridge and edits church newsletters, programs and sermons, as well as being church historian and singing in the choir. She has also been editing a book manuscript translated by an acquaintance into English from Ukrainian. Ed and Jean are definitely planning to be in Middlebury for reunion. . . .Of growing old, **Alice ("Bing") Crosby Loomis** quips, "'Goals and efforts of a lifetime can at last be abandoned. What a comfort!' Thus it is with me, though active I am, snatching onto any opportunity that suits my fancy for fun or service, from making pies for the Dummerston Church's famous Apple Pie Festival to RSVP assignments and an assortment of bus trips with senior citizens. It's all okay." . . .On Homecoming weekend in October, captain **Bill Craig, Randy Hoffmann**, manager **Dick Lucas, Conny Philipson**, and **Bud Seixas**, along with the other members of the immortal unbeaten 1936 Middlebury football team were invited back to campus for a 50th anniversary celebration of that extraordinary season, when the Midd men racked up 127 points and held their opponents to 21. As guests of the College, they were entertained at Bread Loaf (where the foliage wore brilliant, warm colors, but the temperature fell to 25 degrees, covering cars with a thick frost). On Saturday afternoon this year's football team properly honored the returning players by beating Colby 20 to 0. At half-time the '36 players "ran" out onto the field to the applause of the crowd. In the

The co-chairs of the 50th Reunion committee for the Class of 1937, Ed Berry and Lois Craig, took part in the autumn Leadership Conference held at Bread Loaf, where classmate Gertrude Dole captured them photographically.

evening they were feted with a banquet at Bread Loaf, where a mounted copy of **Dutch Heinz**'s recent article on the 1936 season was presented to each of the returning players. . . .**Bill Craig** was dubious about making it to our 50th reunion. Fund raising take a lot of his time, and in the coming year he will "probably hang it up," but that doesn't mean that he will retire. Bill has become a specialist, which he describes as "someone who has flown over the country in the daytime." He says, "As a last resort there is always consulting, so be on the lookout for Craig Associates shingles." He sends his greetings to all and will certainly make every effort to be with us in spring. . . .**Charles Sawyer** is also uncertain about attending reunion, since he has unexpectedly assumed the entire load of teaching in his specialty at UCLA Medical School. . . .Oscar and **Ramona Ford Emery** were very pleased with their two-week Scandinavian cruise. Sailing in ideal weather last August, they visited seven cities, including Leningrad. Special highlight of the trip was at Gothenburg where many tall ships sailed past them en route to a race. On shipboard at sea, they enjoyed bridge, ping-pong, swimming, films, even jogging—and of course the wonderful Scandinavian food. . . .Gordon and **Mary Lance Osborn** were in Middlebury last September on their annual visit to Vermont. They are enjoying retirement. As Mary says, they please themselves with small antique shows and manage to make their own antique business pay for the fun of treasure hunting. Son Randy went back to college at 30, receiving his degree in recreation from Southern Illinois University last May. After marrying in August, he and his bride settled down quite near their parents' home. Mary and Gordon's older son, a speech pathologist, lives with his wife and three small boys in Springfield, Ill., where he is responsible for the rehabilitation units at a large hospital. . . .**Harriet ("Hat") Spaulding Harrington** has retired from nursing, but is busy keeping up with her two grandchildren and community activities, such as Women's Club and volunteer work in the library. Her husband died several years ago; her daughter and family now live with her in the big house in Ashburnham. The rest of Hat's family are widely separated. She travels to visit one son in Germany and the other in Virgina, as well as to Nova Scotia to see her brother. . . .See you ALL in Middlebury in May!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Fred Barry (Jane Abbott), 29 Union St., Keene, NH 03431, and Nelson M. Camp, P.O. Box 526, Southbury, CT 06488.*

Annette Tuthill Cartwright assures us that she is definitely planning to attend Reunion '88. She and her husband plan to come in their motor-home, in which they took a long trip last summer, visiting children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren en route. Tannie's daughter, Roberta Pfaff Lonergan '53, has 13 children! The trip continued through New England, into Canada, back to Michigan to visit Tannie's son, Jack, who supervises the building of Chris Craft boats and yachts.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skinner (Ruth Coleman), RD 2, Box 102B, Whitehall, NY 12887.*

We do not believe that Mother Nature ever presented a better Homecoming weekend than the one your secretaries attended in October. Bright sunshine during the day enhanced the palette on the surrounding hills. The full moon shone down on the frosty fields at night making dark shadows and drawing us to warmer interiors. We joined **Bob Cushman** at the Alumni Council meeting, hearing accounts of the various committees, and concluding with the humorous "state of the college" report of Professor Pardon Tillinghast. . . .At a luncheon honoring the undefeated 1936 football team we sat with **John Kirk** and **Tom Murray**. Tom and **Gert Bittle Murray** had been in England and Wales for three weeks with Elderhostel, finding this hostel even better than the first one they had attended, also in the British Isles. . . .Barbara and **George "Cooley" Park** were with us at Homecoming and were our guests for a few days before. They had a wonderful September trip in their RV to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. . . .Sherb '38 and **Marjorie Kohr Lovell** were at Homecoming, and we saw **Bill Herrmann** with Doss. The Herrmanns have sold their home in the Dallas, Texas, area and moved on August 1 to a condominium (16 Winster-FAX, Williamsburg, VA 23185) nearer their daughter. They spent two months in autumn in their beautifully restored, colonial home in Grafton, Vt. . . .At breakfast at the Bread Loaf Inn we had a chat with Bob Jewett '37. . . .Also saw **Bert MacFadden** after the Homecoming game. . . .Belatedly, we regret to report that **Norman Keffer** passed away in 1978 of Hodgkin's disease. Some of us recall Norm's good nature and subtle humor, and we extend our sympathy to Betty and the family. She recently spent a long weekend with **Ken** and Doris Keffer '40 **Kinsey**. After nearly 8 years living and traveling on their sailboat, the Kinseys have bought an older home in a North Carolina fishing village (P.O. Box 574, Oriental, NC 28571). Ken and Dorrie play a lot of tennis when they are on land—in winter at Fisherman's Village near Fort Myers, Fla., and in summer in Oriental, a village of about 600. . . .**"BG" Heldman deVeer** forwarded a note from **Dot Wing Davenport**. Dot has sold her home and moved to apartment #2, 5287 Tobin St., Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 1S3. She seems happy to be situated so that she can walk to store, library, and post office. . . .**Mary MacFarlane Kelley** gets back east twice a year from Winthrop Harbor, Ill., a residential area north of Chicago on Lake Michigan. Daughter Lynn lives in Schenectady. Mary keeps busy with volunteer work and church, plus a travel-tour each year. She hopes to be back for our 50th. . . .**Louise Roberts Avery** reports that **Borden** had been ill with a blood infection which affected the heart valve. He was to be in Mary Hitchcock hospital in Hanover from September 10 until about November 8. The Averys have been very busy at the Lake Morey Inn. They have a grandchild who started college last fall. . . .**Ray** and **Ruth Coleman Skinner**'s grandchild was appointed a Vermont scholar by UVM, with full scholarship, and is considering going on to medical school. The Skinners and **Mel** and **Dot Korb Carter** enjoyed a tour of Newport, R.I.—particularly the elaborate decor of the Victorian houses. We were all taken with Hammersmith Farm, a charming summer home where Jackie Kennedy summered as a child and later with her husband, President Kennedy. . . .It has been quite a while since we heard from **Edward Palmer**, better known to most of us as Bob. From 1969-84 he served as president of SUNY at Syracuse. As a senior fellow in the Rockefeller Institute of Government from 1984-86, Bob staffed the Independent Commission on the Future of SUNY, and directed the National Study of Hazardous Waste Management. In May 1984 he received an honorary degree (Doctor of Laws) from Syracuse University. His wife, Mary, died in 1979. There are four sons and seven grandchildren. In 1980 Bob married Elizabeth Cooper Brown and they live in their new "retirement home" in Loudonville, N.Y. He says he is busier than ever with the grandchildren, landscape gardening, the study of music (piano), freelance consulting on public policy issues, and finishing a novel. As Bob says, "It all started at Middlebury." . . .The "Windjammers" plan a cruise of the St. Lawrence in 1987. **Bettie Letson** says pictures don't tell the story of their Alaska trip; the actual sight of the glaciers from a boat is breathtaking. A highlight of their trip also was high tea at the Empress Hotel in Victoria. . . .When we heard that Rey Stiles '38 would return for the '36 football team reunion, we had hopes that **Carol Flascher Stiles** could be with us at Homecoming, but she was unable to make it. The Stiles are retired and travel quite a bit to Europe and beyond. They also have covered the continent pretty thoroughly. Their grandson is a college freshman; twin granddaughters are in the 10th grade. Carol is a volunteer in the Cheekwood F.A. center and active in P.E.O. She and Rey "bird" and play marathon bridge. . . .We noticed many of the class of '38 at Homecoming, and found they were there to plan their 50th. Are all of you getting ideas for ours? Any volunteers? Please let us have your suggestions.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert T. Alden (Barbara Plumer), Otterside #A-3, Middlebury, VT 05753, and James A. Cornwall, 156 Park St., East Hampton, MA 01027.*

George W.F. Cook ("Cookie"), who used to sit next to me (**James Cornwall**) in CC classes and has served as Vermont's U.S. Attorney for the past 13 years, resigned his post last September. In a letter sent to President Reagan, he stated that he wished more freedom to enjoy his family and to return to the practice of law on a part-time basis. George served as U.S. Attorney from 1969 to 1977 under Presidents Johnson, Nixon, and Ford. He was replaced by Carter, but reappointed by Reagan in 1981, upon the recommendation of Senator Bob Stafford '35. George was a state senator from Rutland County from 1958 to 1968. Married and the father of five children, he served in World War II and has law degrees from Columbia and Georgetown Universities. . . .Homecoming weekend in October was enjoyed by all who returned to Middlebury. **Bob** and **Bobbie Plumer Alden** enjoyed having daughter Shari Galligan Johnson '68 visit, with her two little daughters, Helena and Hilary, from Concord, N.H. Seen at various functions were **Marj Burditt Striker, Louise Gove Hawkins**, Marge and **Jim Cornwall, Bobbie Carrick Brooker, Togo** and Peggy Wood '41 **Eriksson**. . . .**Jim C. Smith**, in a card to Marj, said he hopes to get back to campus soon to hear the new college bells. . . .**Peg Heald Lawton** and **Alice Atwood Spaulding** had hoped to come down from the Burlington area for the weekend of Homecoming, but it was impossible due to a cruise already planned. . . .We were sorry to have missed seeing **Elbert "Mole" Cole** on a trip to Middlebury to visit his mother. Upon returning from a bike ride, we found his note stuck in the door. . . .**Marj Burditt Striker** sounds as busy as ever. In the fall she was painting things, covering woodpiles, and working on storm windows. . . .**Jim Morrow** is sporting a new toy around town—a Plymouth Reliant. He and wife Kay enjoyed a trip to Expo-86 in Vancou-

ver last summer, as well as a fishing trip to Alaska. . . .**Bob Alden** would like to remind you all to start thinking about our 50th reunion. It has been suggested that our 50th reunion be dedicated to our class members killed during World War II.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. Elaine Wadlund House, RD 1, Box 3039, Hyde Park, VT 05655, and Lester W. Ingalls, Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Tom and Didi Egbert '39 **Bennett** planned to join us for the 45th, but had a last-minute change in plans. . . .**George Clark**, who had prostate surgery in early May, was advised by his doctor not to travel for about a month, so had to miss reunion. . . .**Jim Cassedy** sent affectionate regards with his regrets: "Sorry I shan't be able to be with you—it's a busy season at my office. Moreover, I'm in the middle of reading proofs for a book." . . .Something also came up which prevented **Ralph "Duke" Latham** from attending the 45th, but he's looking forward now to our 50th. He is enjoying retirement in Charlottesville, Va. . . .**Paul Cushman** retired from General Electric on January 1, 1984, after 42 years and 5 months of service. The Cushmans now divide their time between Pittsfield, Mass., and Bradenton Beach, Fla. They have 6 children and 17 grandchildren. . . .**Bill McMahon** was visiting daughters in Oregon and Buffalo at reunion time, but recently enjoyed an alumni get-together at Nokomis Beach, Fla. . . .**Viron Thomas** (12627 Overbrook Road, Leawood, KS 66209), who was with us for only two years at Middlebury, later joined the U.S. Army as a private, became a 1st Sgt., went through OCS, and was discharged as a Major in 1946. At war's end, he joined IBM in sales and management, retiring in Kansas City after 45 years. He and wife Martha have three children for whom, he says "I was able to provide 22 years of higher education and 7 degrees." Quoting Ross Perot—"Measure your success in life by how your children turned out. If they grow into good citizens with deep concern for others, you should consider your life worthwhile."—Viron says, "They have and I do." The Thomases have three grandchildren, two boys and one girl. . . .Jim and **Marjorie Jonas Smith Storer** left Bowdoin in 1969 to go to Rome where they spent more than four years. Upon returning, they lived in the Washington, D.C., area until Jim's retirement in June 1986. In Brunswick, Maine, "We have bought a fine old Federal House (1811) very close to campus and are now in the process of settling in. We delight in being able to *walk* to stores, library, campus, and friends, though we do drive to the ocean a few miles away." **Joe** and **Topsy Wadlund House** spent a delightful evening with the Storers recently and say that they are well settled in. . . .**Connie Girard Brown** reports that Ed is recuperating well and was hoping soon to be doing more than putting on the golf course. They look forward to playing the Middlebury course this summer. . . .**B. Grow Grim** is reveling in retirement—"not having to do much, but LOVE being able to read all I want, etc. Bill and I are going to my 50th high school reunion in Woodbridge, N.J., in November. Can't imagine what it will be like. Saw my last classmate in the '40s." . . ."This year," writes **Ray Morrow**, "I completed my repeat travels of World War II by flying back to France via TWA with 7 days in Paris. I requested a 5-day extension to visit a family of very good friends at Noyon, about 100 kilometers northeast of Paris. It was so wonderful to see them all again after 41 years. I was stationed at Noyons several months in 1945. My French friends do not speak English, so once again I was most grateful for my good training in the French School at Middlebury."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Alfred Makulec (Lois Grandy), 2909 Southington Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44120, and Robert B. Rivel, 40 Shaker Ridge Drive, Canaan, NY 12029.*

Our gala 45th Reunion is nearly upon us. We look forward to seeing you.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. A.E. Dimond (Louise Wilkin), 27 Long Hill Farm, Guilford, CT 06437, and Edward T. Peach, 14242 Deep Creek Road, Nevada City, CA 95959.*

After 19 years on the Rhode Island College faculty, **William Small**, associate dean of the School of Graduate Studies, retired last June. Bill also served as director of the college's summer session. With a master's in education from the University of Maine and a doctorate from the University of Mass., Bill had also been a teacher and administrator for 17 years in various school systems in Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut. His articles, book reviews, and children's stories have been published in many magazines, including *Yankee*. Bill has been ordained as a permanent deacon in the diocese of Providence, where he and his wife minister to handicapped adults and nursing homes. . . .**David Wood**, director of the Norman Rockwell Museum at Stockbridge, Mass., is busy writing and lecturing. He is the author of *Lenox: Massachusetts Shire Town*. Dave was assistant headmaster of the former Lenox School for Boys from 1950 to 1972, after doing graduate work at Bread Loaf and Yale. . . .Although technically retired from teaching in Greenwich, Conn., **Jim Clark** keeps busy teaching teachers in the high school equivalency program, and teaching American history in the adult education department. He and wife Dorothy (Brown) '44 go traveling in summers, their last trip being to England and Paris. . . .Among those spending more and more time at second homes are Jim and **Mandy Sanborne Krieble**, who summer (for 5 or 6 months, depending on the frost level) at Lake Willoughby in northern Vermont. The Kriebles say they were meant for retirement. They like choosing their own responsibilities (such as their homeowners' association) and they have time to visit their children: Cindy Krieble Bennett '68 (now a successful artist and college professor on the West Coast), Betsy Krieble '72 (a landscape designer with the Massachusetts Audubon Society), and John (an architect in New York City). . . .**Al** and **Lonny Herron Hadley** spend four or more months at Sedgwick, on the coast, 'way "down Maine." Al seems to have one foot still in his law office in Hudson, Ohio, but he and Lonny have taken time to sail the Inland Waterway. . . .We must end this column with news of the passing of two very special classmates, **Isabel Grier Lathrop** and **Virginia Wynn Wood**, who died within a week of each other. Having been roommates and sorority sisters, they were still close friends and in frequent contact with each other. Isabel's inspirational good spirits and positive outlook during her long struggle with cancer were well known to all who saw her at reunions; she taught us how to deal with adversities with dignity. Ginny's sudden death just days before her much-anticipated move to New Hampshire left everyone in shock. But she left us characteristically, having taken care of a very complicated move, and having completed the transfer of her many civic and philanthropic duties (including the Cleveland Middlebury Alum Club) to new hands. In their very different ways, Is and Ginny enriched a host of lives with their humor, integrity, and willingness to give of themselves for others. We shall miss them very, very much. The address for Ginny's husband, Bill '42, is P.O. Box 1087, New London, NH 03257.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles A. Brown (Elizabeth Broadbent), 625 Cedar Lane, Villanova, PA 19085, and Dr. George S. Harris, Jr., 212 Main St., Northfield, MA 01360.*

David and Irmy Nierhaus '48 **Stebbins** and son Andy '82 all enjoyed the November alumni trip to the exhibit, "Miracle at Philadelphia," held November 14, 1986, at the Second Bank of the United States. Two young friends of the class, Toni Mauck '85 and Allison Wheatley '84 organized the visit. . . .**Bobo Sheehan** and Paul Kailey '50 won the 1986 Gordon Perine Alumni Golf Tournament, Chicago team competition. Also competing was Art Pepin '47 (who started with the class of '44), our nation's oldest heart transplant patient. In September (following his January transplant), Art returned to Middlebury to play 18 holes of golf on Thursday, 18 holes (in the rain) on Friday, and 36 holes on Saturday. . . .As we get into the Golden Years, **Pete Harris** and **Betty Hearne Brown** would like to hear of the opportunities our classmates are taking advantage of—such as reduced air fares, free college tuition, discounted motel rates, and restaurant prices. We'd also like to pass along news of the new business ventures or second careers that some of us are launching.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Winslow Wetherbee, Jr. (Barbara Boyden), 1642 18th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223, and Will J. Bangs, 119 Bingham Road, Carlisle, MA 01741.*

Will Bangs received one reply to his request in the autumn issue for leads as to the whereabouts of a number of missing alumni of the Class of 1945. That reply was from **Barbara Platou Gerra** who wrote saying that she "remembered Will," and gave a lead as to the possible whereabouts of missing alum **George Morse**. Although Will was at Middlebury for only three semesters while Barbara was there, he also "remembers" Barbara well, although he barely knew her. His *clearest* memory of her is that of a "gorgeous blond" walking up the hill to compulsory Chapel at 10:00 each week day.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Roy E. Coombs, Jr. (Fran Tenney), 30 Fern Place, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922, and Mrs. Albert S. Johnston (Eileen Luz), 54 Old Army Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.*

Fran Tenney Coombs invited **Jean Schwab Schork, Barbara Flink Ewels**, and **Eileen Luz Johnston** to get together for a quilt exhibit recently.

Fran is on the session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and is also on the Presbytery committee for the care of candidates. She and daughter Martha Coombs Parvis '78 enjoyed the beautiful fall foliage when she represented our class at Homecoming. Jean is now directing and accompanying a women's choir at the Westfield Presbyterian Church, as well as acting as co-chairman of the International Gift Sale, a very successful fundraiser. Since Jack's retirement, the Ewels have been practically commuting between Mendham and the Washington, D.C., area and New Hampshire. At a niece's wedding, Flinkie suddenly realized that indeed she was seeing **Jane Selleck Hellekjaer** who turned out to be the grandmother of the flower girl! When the Ewels were in Bethesda they had dinner with the Hellekjaers, and Don '47 and **Mary Nasmith Means**. Almost next day a letter arrived from Selleck with her news. She and Per had visited Norway to attend a family wedding. "After the wedding we took a busferry trip to Leningrad. The Baltic ferries are an adventure themselves—sort of like 8 stories of floating Las Vegas. Leningrad is a beautiful city—canals, rivers, wide streets and almost everything painted in lovely pastels. It bothered me to see open windows by the priceless paintings at the Hermitage, but they say that air conditioning will come sometime." . . .**Marilyn Arey McGeehan** ("Breezie") works with the rape crisis and child abuse council, speaking to school classes about abuse, and encouraging children to talk with her privately afterward. . . .Both Breezie and **Fran Tenney Coombs** have talked with **Cindy Darby Westmoreland**. Neal has retired and they spent most of last summer working on their home in the mountains at Boone, N.C. Cindy and Neal have seven grandchildren. Can you top this? . . .Active in church work, **Marj Harrison Tiger** teaches Sunday school and is on one of the church boards. She also works with the battered woman's program of the AAUW. An on-going activity reminds Marj of her choir days at Midd: for 12 years now she has sung with the Interludes, a group of women who sing songs composed by the director. Marj also commented on our 40th reunion and—although it is almost time for our 41st—I (**Eileen Luz Johnston**) feel that all of us who attended would like to thank **Jeanne Picard Johnson** and her committee, **Sheila Schmidt Rowland** and **Joan Campbell Shaw**, for planning such a successful reunion.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Gordon C. Perine (Alice Neef), 22 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753, and Mrs. J. Paul Jette (Marion Bodine), 27 Garfield St., Bristol, VT 05443.*

A clear and crisp September weekend at the Bread Loaf Alumni Leadership Conference brought several members of our class together to plan our 40th. Attending were Fred and **Betty Pickles Cox**, Gordie '49 and **Alice Neef Perine, Joyce Walsh Heath, Jean Gunther, Lynn Bruhn**, Kellam and **Peg MacCormick DeForest**, and your secretary **Marion Bodine Jette**. This micro-reunion was a pleasant work session. Reunion planning can be a bit intimidating, but the College is certainly organized and helpful. And "co" Alice is a doer. Please, all class members, your input would still be appreciated. We all know how much faster the clock now ticks (where did those years go?), so I hope you are reserving the May time slot for returning to Midd. . . .An additional note from Alice's report on the May weekend: **Jim Hummer** was there from Williamsport, Pa., where he is a chemistry professor at Lycoming College. Although he transferred to Tufts after his freshman year, he considers Middlebury his first affection. He received his master's in chemistry from Midd in 1950. . . .**Shirley Ayres Tilden** is living in Virginia, but the family has kept their summer place on Lake Champlain in Ferrisburg, and spends much time in Vermont. . . .The College has initiated an area host family program for those international students who wish to participate and who perhaps need an occasional home-away-from-home. I have met my friend Aaila Ashfaq from Pakistan and hope she can spend Thanksgiving with me. . . .**Virginia Stowell James** is doing research and finishing her thesis for her Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut. . . .**Catherine Van Aken Smith** says she has been a "liberated" woman for 20 or more years, remaining a homemaker free to follow her own interests and inclinations. She has been active on school boards, both at the state and local level. One daughter is an architect in Colorado; the other lives in Tennessee where she works on toxic waste disposal problems. Catherine and **Pat Harvey Oehler, Fran Swain Moretti** and **Jackie Simon Moore** have kept up their enthusiasm for bridge-playing by continuing a round-robin game. Having promised themselves for years a private get-together at Midd, they finally managed it in October. They visited the campus, classes, community, etc. Their initial impression was one of surprise at the increased size of the College. They especially enjoyed the beautiful foliage season. They are not planning to attend the 40th. We're sorry that they won't be here. . . .Harry and **Phyl Hackley Foote** continue working and enjoying their summer retreat at Sandwich on the Cape. Daughter Judy lives in Portland, Maine, where she has started her own business producing computer software publications. Son Steve lives in nearby Foxboro. . . .**Suzy Gard Knox** laughingly admits that she and husband Angie have more pet cockers than any family rightfully needs. Their number was increased by one when their daughter, who is changing careers from nutrition to nursing, and her dog returned home. Another daughter lives in Virginia, and their son is taking graduate courses in New Haven, Conn. . . .After retirement, Sid and **Mary Foot Hamilton Dutcher** moved to Carrollton, Texas, where they are enjoying their grandparent role and not missing the northern weather. A daughter who lives nearby was expecting a third child; other children live in Chicago, Appleton, Wis., and Salt Lake City.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Allen W. Stillman (Margery Lehmann), RD 3, S. Munger St., Middlebury, VT 05753, and Robert N. Andersen, 12 Prout Ave., Troy, NY 12180*

The Class of '48 is proud of Christopher Casey '87 who has been the recipient of the Class of 1948 Scholarship for the past two years. An economics major, Chris made dean's list both semesters of his junior year. A member of the varsity hockey team, he also referees for intramural hockey and served last year as a teaching assistant with the economics department. Other activities include being student liaison with the Student Alumni Association, a member of the Investments Club, and of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. . . .**Thomas J. Whalen**, superintendent of schools, Weston, Mass., has been named by Gov. Michael Dukakis to serve as one of 9 members of the Special Commission to Study the Levels and Manner of Compensation of Public School Teachers in Massachusetts. Tom also devotes time as a trustee of the Brockton Savings Bank and the Brockton Art Center, as well as being a director of the United Way. . . .**Julius Chambers** has an active urology practice in Eustis, Fla. He has remarried and has a new family, including three sons, the youngest of whom is six months old. . . .Last May, **Robert Outman** retired after 35 years of service with Commercial Credit (a Control Data company) from the position of manager, real estate department. He writes that he has deep sorrows that his wife, Dot, died before she could taste the joys of their retirement, as they had planned to do so many things together. For more than 10 years Bob sang with the Baltimore Symphony Chorus, but last year joined the Annapolis Chorale which he finds a bit more relaxing. It also gives him more time to pursue classes in drawing, oil painting, and watercolors. Son Bob and family live in Rockland, Mass.; daughter Robin lives in the jungles of Sumatra with her husband and two children. Bob says that "Linthicum (Md.) is a good spot to welcome any friends and show them true southern hospitality. I'm in the book—just give me a call." . . .We realize that retirees are the busiest folk in the world, but as more and more '48ers retire we hope you will continue to do two things: 1) keep us informed about things you are doing (and any news you have about classmates), and 2) mark your calendars for late May 1988 when we will have our 40th reunion.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. George A. Platt (Rachel Adkins), 580 Surrey Hill Way, Rochester, NY 14623, and John H. Valentine, Jr., 566 Acton St., Carlisle, MA 01741.*

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert T. Davison (Jacqueline Brooks), 86 Spring St., Lexington, MA 02173 (617-862-3282), and Dexter C. Whittinghill, Jr., 24 Burroughs Road, Lexington, MA 02173 (617-862-7738).*

Katharine Pell Meeker has been elected to the board of trustees of the Portland, Maine, Stage Company. Kathy lives in Falmouth and is on the school board, treasurer of the state's League of Women Voters, and serves on the board of the Children's Home in Saco. Sounds as if Kathy is a very busy lady. . . .Kudos to **Al Dragone** who covered the costs of retuning, recasting, and adding 12 new bells to the Mead Chapel Carillon (see cover story of the autumn 1986 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*). Retired from Burlington Industries in N.Y.C., Al lives in Darien, Conn., and recently built a summer home in Woods Hole. . . .Thanks to **Bill** and **Carol Carlton Hentz** for their notes on Homecoming in October. The campus never looked neater, greener, or better—just like the pictures you see on the October calendars. The new North Dorm, which is a knockout, was dedicated. **Sid Kay**, our class agent, was there with his wife, Lisa. **Debbie Nye Eppler** had just flown in from a business trip to Paris and never looked more glamorous. Steve and **Janie Murdoch Baker** rose both mornings before the roosters for pre-breakfast hikes. **Bob** and **Ginny Ringo Cleary** were there, with Bob sporting a bow tie. Midd's undefeated 1936 football team was honored at half time during the game with Colby College. The only thing missing from the very special

weekend was a few more Nifty Fifties. Let's all try to make it in 1987. As for the Hentzes, Bill was retiring January 1 from Foote, Cone & Belding in N.Y.C. where he has been vice president and associate creative director. They have bought land in Weybridge, near the double covered bridge on the north edge of Middlebury, and will soon start building a retirement home. Just in time for Homecoming 1987? . . .In Marblehead, **Betty Ahner Fields** runs the Gallery of Folk Art in the center of town and invites us to drop in. Her three children—Jennifur '80, Thatcher '82, and Joslin '85—are all Midd graduates. Jennifur works at Christies in N.Y.C. in the coin department. . . .Planning a trip to Italy, **Dex Whittinghill** called **Peg Teachout Meyer** in Santa Rosa, Calif., to get some tips on what to see and where to eat. Peg and her husband lived for five months in an apartment in Florence. They also traveled through Italy, to Greece, Munich, Vienna, and Madrid, stopping in Paris and London on their way home. She had two important pointers: 1) watch out for the motor scooters—they pay no attention to traffic laws—and 2) pass up the beef for the veal, chicken, and salads. Unless you all promise to drop Dex a line, he will tell you all about his trip in the next column! . . .Jean and **Bill Carey** (Route 3, Box 79, Purcellville, VA 22132) returned in September from an extended business-pleasure trip. Bill and Dex were Boy Scouts together in Newton Centre, Mass., around 1939-42! Bill's phone was "not in service" when Dex called, but he is probably still running Carey Real Estate at P.O. Box 77 in Hillsboro, Va. . . .Dex tele-chatted with **Bruce Guillan** (1410 Lake Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014; 815-459-2277) on a Red Sox-Angels off day, while awaiting the president's post-Iceland speech. They relived some of those long-ago other Monday evenings on Starr Hall's 4th floor with Victor '51 and **Jim Luke**, Tom Mariner '49, **Ernie Zimmerman, Bob Cleary**, etc. Those loose, carefree, post-war veterans-and-the-kids memories, etc., brought a few chuckles. Bruce is still vice president of T.C. Industries, having joined George A. Berry's '41 company 21 years ago. (They are heavy steel contractors/suppliers for the likes of John Deere, Caterpillar, etc.) Wife Betsy (Merrill)—remember Dean Elizabeth Kelly's assistant social director, the Cornell "import?"—is busy operating a "cottage industry." Aerobics, tennis, and golf keep Bruce lean, well-toned and competitive. Both sons are prosperous adults. . . .Following Midd and M.I.T.'s Combined Plan, **Bob Harley** (P.O. Box 303, Howard, MA 01451; 617-456-8821) taught at Tech and received his master's. He has been with GenRad for 26 years, but is not yet anticipating retirement. He sees **Bill Fincke** often. The Harley second home in Brownsville, Vt., near Mt. Ascutney, facilitates Bob's continued passion for back-packing and mountain climbing. The Midd Skyline Club experience was turned into 35 years of BSA outdoor leadership training. A 3-mile-per-day addicted jogger, Bob and wife turn to the warm beaches of Jekyll Island, Ga., for off-beat escape and relaxation. Their daughter graduated from Hood College in Maryland; both sons chose engineering at WPI, with Bruce graduating in June 1985. . . .Dex's cross-town neighbor, **Parker Hirtle**, left Midd after one year, transferring to M.I.T., where he majored in architecture and acoustics. Parker joined BBN in 1958 and recently led their consulting for Midd on sound-engineering of a special lecture room during remodeling of the old brick school building (re-named Twilight Hall in honor of Midd's first black alumnus). The Hirtles have two boys, one at home and one in California. While Parker chases decibels, his wife teaches the learning-disabled at Arlington High School. The great escape is the 37-foot yawl based at Marion, Mass., on the seaweed-covered shores of Buzzards Bay. . . .A professional engineer, **Fred Kracke** (8 South Lexon Ave., Nanuet, NY 10954; 914-623-2936) has been with the N.Y. State Department of Transportation since 1950, spending most of his career supervising on-field construction. Since 1980, he has been involved in the ill-fated proposed West Way over Hudson River interstate, and now the Oak Point RR-link. Fred hunts and fly-fishes New York's Beaverkill, while his banker-son floats Maine's Allagash River. Their youngest child is still at home; the other two are married. Fred and June contemplate early retirement benefits and risks. Any advice, anyone?

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Higgins, Jr. (Jean Maintain), 44 Cabot St., Winchester, MA 01890, and Benito G. Barsanti, 70 Plymouth Road, Wakefield, MA 01880.*

Ed and **Jean Maintain Higgins** returned to Homecoming to get a better grasp of this new job of theirs. The only '51 returnees to be found were Frank and **Marg Mering Sherman**. The Shermans are happy with their decision to settle in Waitsfield and were looking forward to some serious skiing during the winter. In nearby Granville, Dave '50 and **Mary Krum Dale** were hosting a mini-reunion of Dave's extended family, many of whom are Midd graduates. Some made it over the mountain to cheer on the Panthers in their decisive Homecoming win over Colby. The Higginses had "Frothingham" and the entire Bread Loaf campus to themselves when they stayed over Sunday night on the mountain. They also enjoyed the golf course, Shelburne Farms and Museum, and the Vermont back-country roads as never before. . . .After 17 years as a teacher of the Student Work Orientation Program at Northampton, Mass., High School, **Ken Provoncha** retired last June. The program helps mentally-handicapped students prepare for the work world. Ken hopes to keep in contact with his profession one way or another. At least, he says, "I'm not going to get in my rocking chair yet."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. William J. Cahill (Jeanne Parker), 7 Robin Road, Beverly, MA 01915, and John D. Bowker, 14 Canoe Brook Drive, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550.*

News was beginning to reach us in the fall from those of you making plans to join us at Reunion. **Raymond Ablondi** has kindly agreed to act as our banquet toastmaster on Saturday evening. **Paula Loughran Zahniser** is sparking a mini-reunion among some close friends, including **Barbara Barbuti Patti** and **Ann McAdow Jenkins**. Can't we get some other mini-reunion groups going? **Phyllis Dixon** is still very busy with her yarn business in Ft. Stockton, Texas, so she won't be able to be with us in May. . . .**Margaret Nasmith Wedge** has been appointed supervisor of adult services for social and rehabilitative services for the State of Kansas. Even with this responsible position, though, Margaret finds time for her choir singing, recently touring Austria and Hungary with the Lawrence (Kansas) choir. She and George have three children and were recently blessed with a grandchild. **George Wedge** is an associate professor in the English and linguistics departments at Kansas University. George is also editor of the *Cottonwood Magazine and Press*, a nationwide literary magazine, and advisory editor of the *Kansas Quarterly* literary magazine. He and Margaret see **Larry Draper** from time to time in Lawrence. . . .**Towar Wade** reports that his work has taken him far and wide from home base in Houston, where he and wife Nan have lived for 17 years. Towar manages the heavy machinery activity for the Dresser Company. The Wades, including their two children, lived in Japan for several years while Towar managed Dresser's manufacturing and Asian marketing. Back in Houston now, the Wades make it back to Middlebury frequently, and we hope they can join us for our big 35th! . . .**Walter Hollister**, professor of aeronautics and astronautics at MIT, advises that he is in touch with **Roger Handy** and **Lou Lazo** from time to time. Walt and wife Sally have three children; their youngest is a senior in high school and, as Walt is quick to point out, he's on the football team! Wife Sally is an aerobic dance instructor; Walt visits European countries as an advisor to NATO when his faculty schedule permits. He is also a certified flight instructor. . . .It should be a terrific weekend! You will be receiving a questionnaire shortly asking for information we can put into a complete report on what everyone has been doing for 35 years—so please respond promptly! The idea is to have the report ready in time for reunion.

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Class Secretary: *John W.M. Clark, 42 Jenckes St., Providence, RI 02940.*

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Class Secretary: *Christopher Van Curan, 1 Standley St., Beverly, MA 01915.*

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Barbara-Ann Fitzgerald Value**, my secretary-companion on this column who made far more contributions than I did. A couple of weeks earlier we heard of the deaths of **Joe Durkin** and **Sam Patch**. Our condolences to the families. . . .On a brighter note, last April, **Ellen Healy Lucas** co-chaired the celebration of the silver anniversary of the opening of the Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk, Conn., where she has been a foreign language teacher during those 25 years. . . .Active in the Connecticut political scene is **Bill Wollenberg**, Republican State Representative for Farmington, who was vying for re-election. . . .Seen on the Boston streets is **Bert Welling**, raising new money for his corporate clients as well as for Middlebury. . . .Four '54 Sig Eps—**Dick Bourbeau, Rem Burbank, Bill Carpenter**, and **Karl Limbach**—recently got together to go deep sea fishing in Bill's yacht. They also sailed San Francisco Bay in Karl's beautiful antique sailboat, which he docks in his back yard in Belvedere, on the Bay north of San Francisco. **Lois Robinson Limbach**'s wonderful dinner was followed by an old-fashioned Sig Ep poker game, which was joined by Howie '53 and Carrol Anderson Rogers '56, and George Limbach '55.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Alton H. Bassett (Joan Tolley), 73 Harriet Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540, and*

John H. Denny, Sr., 44 Nassau St., Suite 301, Princeton, NJ 08540.

A busy volunteer for 20 years, **Mary Anne Damon Jackson** has joined the development office staff at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Mass. Her summers are free to go to Martha's Vineyard to practice windsurfing which, she says, "is a little like skiing—only wetter!" . . .**Dick Makin** reports a "new adventure" as vice president of sales for the THL Group, a mini-conglomerate selling hunting, fishing, and recreational products. Dick is also happy about the five-minute commute to Manchester, Mass. **Pat Hinman Makin** works in career placement at Endicott College in Beverly. After a dental checkup with **Tom Lamson**, Pat checked up on Lyndy Smith Lamson '58 and their new hillside home at 92 Heath Road, North Andover, MA 01845. Evidently *both* checkups were satisfactory!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Julia A. King, RR 2, Box 99C, Peterborough, HN 03458, and Edward P. MacDowell, 29 Nimitz Place, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.*

Everything is going well in **Jack Kettell**'s radio television representative business. He took the Red Sox loss to the Mets in the World Series with equanimity, but also roots for the Celtics (you get us New York fans one way or the other, Jack!). . . .Living in Cambridge and traveling throughout Massachusetts is **Jake Chambers** who may hold the class record for continuous service for the same employer. Jake has worked since graduation with the Shawmut Bank, where he is now assistant vice president in the loan review division. . . .**Flip Terhune** stays active in serving the College as a recruiter/interviewer, and is also still president of the Westchester-Fairfield Alumni Association. He was looking for a great turnout at the spring dinner meeting at the Riverside Yacht Club. Flip's son, Jim, graduated from Middlebury last spring and now works for the College in the student activities office. . . .For the Women's Community in Wausau, Wis., **Jo Paleologue Pierce** is still teaching job-seeking skills, career planning, assertiveness, etc. She continues ballet lessons and is "struggling through nautilus fitness workouts." Daughter Natasha is back at Mt. Holyoke following a year in Beijing, China; son Ben is going to the University of Wisconsin in St. Cloud. . . .Last August, **Nancy Carboy Woodall** celebrated her 15th year with the Fairfax Public Library in Arlington, Va. As training coordinator, she invited **Al Entine** to present a staff training session on "adult transitions," and commented, "He acquired quite a fan club here in Virginia!" In Al's note, he doesn't talk about his fan clubs, but does report that everything is just fine at SUNY-Stony Brook, where "We both are enjoying our administrative tasks." . . .**Ginny Collins Emerson** is amazed that she is still teaching, but finds the pleasures are still there—particularly the lazy, hazy days of summer. . . .**Mary Hamilton Anderson** wants us all to wear "Thor-Lo Athletic Socks" where Jon is busy as vice president. Mary does part-time architectural drawing for a building contractor. She loves traveling from North Carolina to Seattle, Wash., to Burlington, Vt., to visit the grandchildren. . . .**Gretchen Kraatz Berger** is also traveling more, with children in Rochester, Atlanta, and Boston. Gretchen has sold her monogramming business and has more time for golf and gardening, plus serving on the board of the hospital's volunteer organization. . . .**Bob Peatfield** has worked for Northeast Data Com for almost five years, has four grown children, two grandsons (Kyle and Joshua) and one granddaughter (Jessica). All live within minutes of the Peatfield home. Bob enjoys growing things and wife Nancy says she does her best to kill them off. . . .Living in Riverside, Conn., **Charlotte Mugford Robinson** continues to enjoy teaching 4th grade at Greenwich Academy. Daughter Kim, a graduate of Colby College, is working in N.Y.C.; son Scott is a sophomore at Duke. During summer vacations, the family travels to Owl's Head, Maine, to visit Charlotte's mother. . . .**June Higgins Young** missed our 30th reunion to be with her first grandson, Matthew, but promises to make the 35th. June is working in real estate in Mystic, Conn. Daughter Cynthia is married and living in Mystic, also. Daughter Pamela is marrying Cynthia's husband's brother this June! . . .**Pete Salmon** was one of seven featured solo artists in an exhibition at the Southern Vermont Art Center last summer. Pete finds that "in my oil paintings and drawings, I keep coming back to the same subjects, always seeking deeper understanding of their essential visual meaning." . . .**Judy Tichenor Fulkerson** has been elected to a five-year term as a Middlebury Alumni Trustee. Judy recently started her own business buying gifts for company executives. . . .**Mark** and **Nancy Warner Benz** happily report that their fourth offspring, Martha, entered Middlebury last September, rounding out this generation of Midd Benzes. Mark's work as manager of the physical metallurgy branch of General Electric was recently highlighted in the Corporate Research Paper for its innovative approach to the problems of metals failures and manufacturing costs. . . .**Ned MacDowell** has begun a two-year term as president of Connecticut Association of Administrators of Health and Physical Education. He and Ellie (Maier '57) have a Dutch visitor, Angela, who joined daughter Nancy this year as a senior at Greenwich High School. (Midd sophomore Jim stayed with Angela and her family during his AFS year in Holland.) Ellie and Ned were looking forward to a winter trip to visit son Dave and family in Anchorage, Alaska. . . .**Ted Schwerdtle** reports that he occasionally gets to sail with **Dick Brigham**, but business occupies most of his time. Daughter Susan is married; daughter Liz is in commodities trading in N.Y.C.; and daughter Amy graduated from UVM last spring and is working in Cannondale industries. Since his divorce, Ted says he prefers mail to be sent to the Schwerdtle Stamp Company, 166 Elm ST., Bridgeport, CT 06604. . . .**Cy Anfindsen** has been very active on behalf of the College, now serving as national chairman for Annual Giving. That assignment, along with the fact that son Bruce is a sophomore at Middlebury, keeps Cy a familiar face on campus.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles W. Robinson (Heather Hamilton), Box 53, Hancock, NH 03449, and Derek R. Evans, 420 Nepas Road, Fairfield, CT 06430.*

When you read this column our 30th Reunion will be upon us. Some of you planned a year ago to come, some decided midwinter that they needed a spring horizon, and some are deciding this very minute that they'll pack their bag for Midd. Unlike the jam-packed and hyper 25th, the 30th promises to be the place to relax, get the news, look back at college days, look ahead to renewing friendships and forging new ones, and mostly just having a nice time together. The best part is that—even if your name has never appeared in this column—you are an integral part of our class and we look forward to having you with us. Cheerio!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Craig B. Heatley (Adrienne McLeod), 385 Green Farms Road, Westport, CT 06880, and Erik O. Bennorth, 49 Van Blarcom Lane, Wyckoff, NJ 07481.*

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Frederic B. Preston (Granthia Lavery), 123 Hampshire Road, Wellesley, MA 02181, and Robert E. Luce, 90 Winthrop Drive, Riverside, CT 06878.*

Good news about the Class of '59! One of our members—UMass Boston mathematician and educator **Patricia Sherlock Davidson**—was selected to receive the Alumni Association Achievement Award at Fall Homecoming '86. Pat was one of five alumni honored, each receiving a framed certificate and a replica of Gamaliel Painter's cane. In accepting her award, Pat paid tribute to Mrs. Ginevra Harlow Caswell '15, her high school teacher from Royalton, Vt., who first told Pat about Middlebury. Congratulations, Pat! Pat has also been appointed to a three-year term as a director of the Harvard University Alumni Association. She previously served as president of the Harvard Graduate School of Education Alumni Council and was a speaker at the 1986 graduation ceremony. She worked on preparations for Harvard's 350th anniversary celebration in September '86. . . .If you would like to nominate other alumni for this honor, write your secretaries, the alumni office, or **Dorrie Landry Bonner**, who is on the board of directors of the Middlebury Alumni Association. . . .**Anne Martin Hartmann, Bob** and **Sue Chapman Hansen, Cynthia Hall Marshall, Renwick Curry**, and **John Halpin** visited Middlebury early in October for parents weekend. **Bob** and **Katie Bush Jones, Dorrie Bonner, Granthia Preston**, and **Pat Sherlock Davidson** represented the class at Homecoming. All these names come from Former College Chaplain Charles Scott and wife Tana, who remain on campus as Professor Scott teaches in the religion department and helps out in the alumni and development offices. The new chaplain, John Walsh, from Princeton University, delivered an excellent sermon on Homecoming Sunday. Don't miss Chapel if you get back to campus! . . .Last fall, **Sharon Spade William** moved to Williamstown, Mass., where she teaches Spanish at Greylock Regional High School. **Carolyn Parks Behr**, chairman of the school committee there, reports Sharon is doing a superb job. Sharon's daughter, Anmar, who was married last fall, is living in Manchester, N.H. Sharon also has a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts and a freshman at Greylock Regional. . . .**Phyllis Leach Morris** is gathering data in preparation for writing a book about her ancestor, James Renwick, the architect who designed St. Patrick's Cathedral in N.Y.C. Phyllis's daughter (16) studied art at Oxford College, London, last summer; her son is a freshman at Bucknell. . . .**Nancy McKnight Smith** reports her work involves training all professional and support staff for 30 schools in the Charles County district in Maryland, an area just south of Washington, D.C. She finds her work challenging and rewarding. . . .**Ron Anderson** is now executive vice president

and chief operating officer for Chock Full O'Nuts Corporation in New York City. This new position brings him back to his first love in business, consumer goods, as he heads up overall day-to-day operations of the company. Wife **JoAnn Witmer Anderson** also has a successful career going in consumer goods as an account executive for an industrial food broker. Son David, a 1985 Middlebury graduate, is doing pre-med studies at Columbia and will apply to medical school for fall '87. Daughter Carol is a junior at the College of Wooster in Ohio. . . .**Don Towne** is hard at work restoring the Heather Mansion in Wilmington, Vt., hoping to open a bed and breakfast inn by summer '87 (or by fall foliage season at latest). The reason for possible delay is size—the inn has 27 rooms. Don's objective is "to make you feel you've gone back 100 years as you step through the front door." He also runs a wholesale antique business and will be able to furnish Heather Mansion with top-quality pieces that contribute to his objective. Don welcomes you to come take a look: three miles west of Wilmington, Vt., on Route 9. Daughter Rachel (20) is a pre-law sophomore at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C. Daughter Becky (17), who is a senior at Laconia, N.H., High School, is competing for the state of New Hampshire tennis championship this year. Martha (16) is a Laconia sophomore. . . .The Rev. **Jared (Jerry) VanWagenen IV** is senior pastor of the Shoharie Reformed Church, where he has served for 12 years. It's proximity to Schenectady, N.Y., gives it a "suburban" character, but the VanWagenens enjoy life in an essentially rural setting with hilly countryside and wonderful views. Jerry went to the New Brunswick (N.J.) Theological Seminary right from Middlebury, and has served in several churches prior to Shoharie. Wife Marilyn teaches art in the Shoharie public school (K through 12) and chairs the school's fine arts department. Son Jared V builds private homes in the area; daughter Meg is studying accounting toward a CPA while working part time in an Albany hospital.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald J. Mulvey (Nancy Mumford), 104 High Plain Road, Andover, MA 01810, and Dr. Michael J. Robinson, 153 Powers Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.*

Continuing to reach out by telephone, we've had a chance to talk with several more classmates who were not able to attend our 25th. . . .Still living in Farmington, Conn., **David Warner** has been employed for 17 years in the benefits division of Aetna. David and wife Britt met in Norway where he was stationed in the Army. With their three children, they have returned many times to Norway over the years. Two of the children have finished college; the last has a couple of tuition years to go. . . .**Duane Totten**, also from Connecticut, is an attorney with five other lawyers in a small firm. He and wife Penny, a real estate broker, have two daughters, ages 5 and 10. Duane hopes to visit Middlebury sometime. . . .Another Connecticut attorney, **Bill French** has had business dealings with Duane. Bill is remarried; he and wife Linda have seven children between them—four of whom are old enough to have left the nest. Bill used to be a regular at Homecoming and Winter Weekend, but has not been back for several years. . . .A call to New Jersey found **Anne DeSola Paust** expecting to receive an MSW from Rutgers in the spring, with a concentration in social work administration. This dovetails neatly with her supervisory position with the county social service board, a broad-based welfare and human service agency. Anne has three children: Wendy (24); David (22) who is a senior at Bloomsburg State University in Pennsylvania; and Daniel (20) who attends a community college in New Jersey. . . .**Jim** and **Julia Ketcham Tracy** have a reason for visiting Midd on a regular basis now: daughter Megan is a member of the freshman class. Son Jim is 22 years old. After moving 17 times in their first 20 years out of college (!), the Tracys have set a new record for stability—6 years in one house in Maryland. Julia heads the media center in a residential school for emotionally disturbed young women. Jim continues to work for Electronic Data Systems, currently on a contract for a space station. A recent conference on planning for a small lunar colony targeted the year 2005, which doesn't seem quite so distant when one remembers that this year's freshmen are class of '90. . . .Another in the list of many honors for **Jane Bryant Quinn**: an Emmy for the television piece called "A Bank Fails," which she did for the *CBS Evening News* last August. Jane was also elected to a five-year term as Alumni Trustee last spring. . . .Bumped into **Susan Yates Johnston** at the open house for the new building of the Professional Center for Handicapped Children in Andover, where Susie works as a communications therapist with children whose verbal and motor abilities are severely limited. She reports daughter Amy is at Brown; daughter Laura is looking toward the South for her college options. . . .Your secretaries, both residing in the land of the bean and the cod, were at deadline sadly humming the usual theme song of the Boston Red Sox. However, there is no reason why your news has to "wait 'til next year" as well. Write or call us. No replies confidential.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Jo Aagerstoun, 1716 U St. NW, Washington, DC 20009, and William F. Wallace III, 5403 Braxtonshire Court, Houston, TX 77069.*

Some '61ers making tracks in finance include **Al Jeffery**, who was named vice chairman of the board of First Federal Bank in Nashua, N.H. Al served as a director of the bank for nearly a decade; he is also president and director of the Whitney Screw Corporation. Down in Rhode Island, **Art Cottrell** can help you build your personal fortune as the new vice president for personal financial management of the Fleet National Banks Center in Westerly. With Fleet since 1975, Art has been an assistant vice president there since '82. . . .**Carolyn Eyster Steinhauser** has joined the board of trustees of York College in her home town of York, Pa. Carolyn is watching the economic development of York from the board of directors of York Federal Savings and Loan Association. She also served as the executive director of York's YWCA until recently. . . .Update on the great ski reunion taking shape in the Wild West. Location: Sun Valley, Idaho, February 7. More than 28 had signed up as we went to press. More later on the fun and games from **Carolyn Bennett Wood** who will be co-chair of our 30th reunion's social schedule. Watch out! . . .**Bill** and **Ajka Cebe-Habersky Wallace** had a great trip last summer to the Lake Country of England, and to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where Ajka was born, and to Vienna. The Prague visit was her first since her family left Czechoslovakia in 1946. Emotion ran high for Ajka and Bill as they searched Prague for the park named after Ajka's great-grandfather, who had been the city's mayor. . . .*Women and Business Ownership*, by your class secretary, **Mary Jo Aagerstoun**, was published in August by the Commerce Department. MJ was appointed to the Local Development Corporation of D.C., a quasi-public body holding major funding for small businesses in the city. The mayor also appointed MJ to the advisory board of the city's brand new Business Incubator Project. . . .**Jean Rau Dawes** joined MJ for some nouvelle cuisine in Washington's Dupont Circle neighborhood. Jeannie counsels college-bound kids as an in-school college counselor and as owner of a business that does the same thing. She was in Washington at the national convention for the trade, and she was in the middle of a three-week marathon scrutiny of eastern campuses.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Bernard McFadd (Susan McLaughlin), 21 Talbot Road, Hingham, MA 02043, and Grant A. Weier, 2162 Gilbert Ave., Apt. B, Cincinnati, OH 45206.*

Special thanks go to **Kathy McKinley Harris, Jan Timmerman Abbott, Tom Paine, Judy Clarke Grohe, Anne Thornton Bridges, John Simson, Nancy Gould Clark, Barbara Chance Hall**, and **Nancy Towne McConnel** for putting together our keepsake reunion yearbook. Congratulations also go to everyone who dug around their attics for memorabilia for the committee, and to each of us who somehow managed to condense the past 25 years of our lives into one autobiographical page! No small accomplishment! For those who may have pangs of apprehension about coming to reunion, be on the watch for the announcement of a mini-reunion in your area. Mini-reunions have often proved to be a great way to test the waters, making even non-Midd spouses enthusiastic about returning to 25th reunion!

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Class Secretaries: *Avalin Wilkins Green, 80 Highland Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042, and Craig W. Stewart, 5433 N.E. 190, Seattle, WA 98125.*

With our 25th just around the corner, this column offers an easy option for getting back in touch. . . .**Bill Jones** (5657 Amesbury, #2003, Dallas, TX 75206) is the international marketing coordinator for NCH Corporation, a chemical firm in Irving, Texas. Bill, who moved to Texas in '81, extends an invitation to any Midd runners passing through or moving to Dallas to call if you "want to know where to trot." Bill reports seeing **Bill Muros** recently. Running in dad's footsteps, Bill's youngest, Erin, made the varsity high school track team as a freshman. Older daughter Frances is a sophomore at Purdue; son Christopher is at Case Western Reserve, spending junior year at Queen Mary College in London. Bill promises to see us at reunion in '88. . . .**Judy Bogert Funderburk** has a new job as staff assistant at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), an environmental advocacy group in Washington, D.C. She writes: "NRDC signed an agreement with the Soviet Academy of Sciences initiating the placement of a team of scientists and seismic monitoring equipment adjacent to nuclear test sites in both the Soviet Union and the U.S. This agreement is a big step toward proving that verification is no longer a hindrance to a comprehensive test ban and it has led to renewed calls for a U.S. morato-

rium with regard to the testing of nuclear weapons." Judy and daughter Amy made a "college trek" last summer which included a visit to Middlebury. Son Seth keeps up the family ties to Vermont with attendance at Camp Keewaydin on Lake Dunmore. . . .Thanks to Steve Crampton '61 for a comprehensive report on **Susan Comstock Crampton**'s activities. Susan continues to serve in Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin's cabinet as secretary of transportation, a job that requires the management of 1,200 employees and a $140 million budget. Steve reports that "Susan's appointment and performance is one of the few things that Governor Kunin's Republican opponent chooses not to quarrel with in his campaign against the Governor." Susan has also been elected to the board of directors of the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, one of many board appointments she holds. Son Stephen, who graduated with honors from Middlebury in 1986, is a first-year law student at George Washington University in D.C.; daughter Kathryn is a junior at the Taft School. . . .**Charles Baxter** has been appointed manager of operations and accounting for the Texet Corporation of Arlington, Mass. . . .As you might know, **Julie Nelson Firestone** has been elected to a five-year term on the Middlebury College Board of Trustees. . . .**Craig Stewart** is leading the $27 million fund raising effort by Lakeside School in Seattle, Wash., where he is director of development. . . .**Debrah Elliott** (127 Bayo Vista, #101, Oakland, CA 94611; 415-451-3132 at work; 415-652-8415 at home) writes: "In March '86 I came to the Bay Area to assume the position of Alameda County Manager, Agency Relations Division of the United Way of the Bay Area. Am enjoying exploring the area, wine country, Carmel, etc. But I do miss the laid-back lifestyle of San Diego. Don't know who my Midd friends are in the area but would love to hear from them. Am actively involved with Altrusa International, a women's service club. Keep in close touch with my Midd roommate, **Jane Stevenson Fergus**, whose oldest son, Allan (my godson) is enrolled at UVM. While I've become almost a native Californian—14 years here—I do think often of fond memories of New England, Vermont, and Middlebury. I hope to return soon for a visit." . . .**Mary Louise Lockwood Rustin** enjoyed a visit to Vermont during summer '86, preceded by a family vacation in Key West last spring. "My job continues as an artist in advertising in a local department store. In addition, I continue to be communications coordinator and a member of the council on ministries at our Methodist church. Also as a sustaining advisor for the Raleigh (N.C.) Junior League Public Relations Committee. Husband Bill finished the N.C. legislative session—he is a lobbyist for business interests, being the president of the N.C. Retail Merchants' Association. Son Billy is a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill and John is a sophomore." . . .**Holly Cutts Billings** writes: "I have an M.S. in nursing from New York Medical College, was a public health nurse off and on for 13 years (time out for three kids), and now have a new career working three days a week in a restaurant in Troy, N.Y. Helping to start a small business has been fascinating, very instructive, and lots of fun. I've also done a lot of work in the schools, being president of parent/faculty organizations at middle and high school here. I am president of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, an organization of parents, school administrators, town staff, and teachers, to provide alternatives to drug and alcohol abuse by our adolescents." . . ."As the last of our six children left for college," writes **Gretchen Foley Mead**, "we left northern Vermont for Pennsylvania, moving our nursery and landscape business—and starting a bed and breakfast in a restored Civil War-vintage house near Gettysburg. Please stop by for a visit." . . .**Neil Savage** left Normandeau Associates (environmental consultants) after more than 12 years with the firm. He joined the staff of Digital Equipment Corp. in February 1985 as a software technical writer. Last year, Neil received the Boy Scouts of America's District Award of Merit, which recognizes adult volunteers who have "rendered noteworthy service to boys." . . .Our thanks to Daniel Fitzpatrick (Cornell '59), who, knowing the busy schedule of his wife, **Janise Gabbie Fitzpatrick**, decided to reply to our request for news for her. Dan is a senior administrator at UMass/Amherst. They have three kids—Bill, in UMass School of Management; Kim, in School of Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Admin. at UMass; and Brian, a high school senior. When the children reached school age, Janise got her teaching certificate and later began a doctorate in education (still a thesis short!). She went to work in admissions at UMass and since 1983 has held the title of associate undergraduate registrar. In her "spare" time, she earned a Massachusetts real estate license, and a broker's license. In Belchertown in May 1984, she opened her own real estate office, now a Realty World franchise employing 12 sales and support people, covering four towns. She has also served the town of Belchertown for 12 years as a member of the school building committee, and now serves as one of the town's three assessors. She has also started a nursery school, acted as a teacher substitute, been a temporary foster parent—and she helped with fundraising for the school band. Recent years have included travel to Europe, Ireland, and around the U.S. "Our address (still remodeling an old Victorian house) is P.O. Box 613, Belchertown, MA 01007)." Let's hope Janise won't be too surprised to see her name in print!

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Class Secretaries: *Catherine Telfair Wright, 7 Wrisley Court, Sussex Place, Essex Junction, VT 05452, and Timothy Y. Hayward, 8 Woodcrest Road, Montpelier, VT 05602.*

Joan Smith Rideout made the big move from Rutland to the Burlington, Vt., area. She has re-established her career counseling practice in Shelburne, while living in Colchester. Daughter Heidi is a freshman at Virginia Tech; son Eric is a junior at a private school in New Hampshire. . . .**Jean Blanchette St. Clair** reports from Southington, Conn., that her activities center around her children—Peter (16), Aimee (14), and James (12)—who are all in private schools in which she is also involved. Aimee figure-skates all over the state and the boys play hockey. Their travel needs add about 30,000 miles a year to the family car! Husband Joseph's veterinary conventions are occasions for vacations. . . .**Ed DeVilbiss** is starting a new business called Etymotic Research in Elk Grove Village, Ill. This news comes from his father, R.A. DeVilbiss, a Williams alumnus, who notes that his progeny are moving farther and farther north to attend college—Middlebury for his son, and now St. Lawrence for Ed's son! . . .The news seems to have slowed down. We're still interested in what you're doing and where you are, so keep in touch.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Hamilton S. Gregg (Carolyn Breckenridge), 40 East 94th St., New York, NY 10128, and Frederick W. Stetson, 10 W. Canal St., Winooski, VT 05404.*

"California is breathtaking, wherever man's absence is present," quips **Thomas Berner** who spent several days there recently with wife Lynn. Vermont is still number one with Tom. Prior to their trip, at a brunch with **Fred Stetson** and Katie Pond in Burlington, Vt., the Berners looked very well. Both are busily engaged in medical-health service in their home community of Asheville, N.C. . . .**Bob Farnsworth** sends another California report: "Here in Sacramento, autumn is celebrated with colors, albeit not the splendid hues of Vermont. The Sierras are turning, Yosemite is beautiful, and the snow skis are coming out for the season. I left the state Agriculture Labor Relations Board after 9-½ years on the general counsel's staff and counsel for board member Jerome Waldie (the former Congressman who was the first to call for the impeachment of Nixon); I am now an administrative law judge for California/OSHA. My wife (third and current and last) is an attorney, also. We fight for progressive issues and avoid yuppies." Bob's children include daughter Sara (whose mother is Jennie Jerome '67), a sophomore at California State-Sacramento; a daughter (16) in high school; a 6-year-old daughter; and a son (1-½). . . .**Jane Corbett** and her husband, Martin Flusser, had a son, Read Corbett Flusser, on September 9, 1986. Just before young Read arrived in the world, "Breck" (**Carolyn Breckenridge Gregg**) described Jane at a gathering at her home: "There was Jane, ravishingly beautiful as ever, with a big belly and a big hug." **Elizabeth (Liz) Fink Farnsworth** traveled all the way from California for Jane's baby shower. The following day, according to Breck, the three had breakfast from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.! Liz has a daughter, Jennie, at Amherst and a son, Sam, in school in Berkeley, Calif. Liz, whose new address is 2606 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704, works at KQED-TV. A project occupying much of her time last fall was an in-depth report on the National Guard, tied to the increasing Guard training in Honduras. (Incidentally, I—**Fred Stetson**—have been flying helicopters for the Vermont National Guard. We sometimes fly with infra-red goggles that magnify light 1,000 times. With these goggles, which look like backward binoculars—you look through from the fat end—dark night-time Vermont pastures and hills take on the appearance of brightly-lit, green-tinged moonscapes. I'm eating carrots in the hopes that my 43-year-old eyes will become stronger and those moonscapes will become clearer, so I won't run into them. But, back to New York and Breck and Liz and Jane. . ..) Breck sent along a news-filled letter. In late August, Breck's daughter, Kimberly, went off to Taft School in Connecticut; Breck and husband Hamilton moved to 200 East 94th St., #1817, New York, NY 10128. "My new schedule includes working part time at Maxwell Institute in Bronxville, N.Y. I'm doing public relations work and leading a couple of group therapy sessions. Maxwell is for drug and alcohol abusers in recovery. We also do a lot of work with the rest of the family members, since chemical dependency is a family disease. It's fascinating work and it feels good to be helping people who can be helped. In between, I'm painting and still being a housewife." . . .In her spare time, Breck called a few New York-area classmates: **Carol Olmsted Heaney** (RD 3, 181-A Welsh Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833; 201-236-9234) is doing well as a now-single mom, teaching high school math and science at the Bernard School in Gladstone, N.J. Her children are all terrific athletes. Bridget (13) plays field hockey; Shannon (10) is a soccer star; and

Seamus (6) "likes to do anything with a ball." As a great admirer of the Irish poet, Seamus Heaney, I (Fred) can't help but wonder whether this young man will, one day, like to do anything with a pen. . . .Breck also spotted **Mary Hawkins Sachs** at various times about New York, running and training for marathons. Mary, who has two active sons, Christopher (10) and Timothy (6), extended a warm welcome to Middlebury classmates who might be headed for northwestern Connecticut where she has a vacation home in the town of Washington. . . .Another New Yorker, **Elaine Henrici McKay**, lives in Greenwich Village and owns a store in Soho that specializes in Japanese imports. Pricing merchandise and keeping up with currency changes is no small feat. Now in its seventh year, the store is called Five Eggs. Elaine travels to the West Coast three or four times a year, where she has enjoyed the company of **Julie Marble Emerson**. In September, she vacationed in France and stayed with friends of friends who spoke no English. . . .John and **Kathy Carbine Gager** live in Manchester, Mass., and have two girls, Shawn (15) and Kim, a freshman at Middlebury. . . .**Chip Hart, Marshall Eddy**, **Sue Mervine Clear**, and I (Fred) had a mini-reunion at Midd after dropping off our freshmen offspring in September. Saw **Judy Fair Mowry Dickison** at the Dog Team on Parents Weekend. Rich '64 and **Alix Warga Taylor** and George and **Marguerite Dupuis Balaschak** were out for dinner in June. It had been ten years. . . .**Boynt** and **Barbara Hazen Glidden** write from Sherborn, Mass., that daughter Starr and son Sam are going to Dedham Country Day School. "We had fun last summer when both kids were in camps in Maine. Barb's been teaching me how to play tennis, which has been fun. We've done some canoeing and fishing, too. Sharpen up those blades and come on down." . . .**J. Louis Stackpole** (Box 806, Red Cloud, MT 59068) is enjoying life, practicing architecture in Montana. Recent projects include contemporary homes and an arts center. From time to time, Louis has had time to break away for a little ocean sailing on the northern Pacific.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. J. Dudley King (Rita Crocitto), 6 Arrow Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.*

How can we possibly be old enough to have children at Middlebury? Incredible, but true! Mara Brodhead '88 (daughter of **John Brodhead**) and William Barstow '88 (son of **Bill** and **Marilyn Keyes Barstown**) entered Middlebury in fall '84, and we have three current freshmen: James Schick (son of **Dan** and **Linda Lapham Schick**), Arthur McAleer (son of **Gordon McAleer** and **Judy Loetterle Hoben**), and Lindsey King (daughter of **Dudley** and **Rita Crocitto King**). Freshman Week gave a few of us '66ers a chance for mini-reunions to compare our strange feelings—being both Middlebury alumni and parents, sharing "our turf" with our children, and recalling our own first awkward days as freshmen. **Gordy McAleer** writes that son Arthur "really likes the Middlebury campus scene and finds there is a healthy blend of hard work and recreation." Gordy describes Middlebury as "a closely-knit community, a place where alumni, students, and parents are welcome. Although the College has changed dramatically since our freshman days 24 years ago, to me the place still has a unique charm and lure." . . .**Dudley** and **Rita Crocitto King**'s daughter, Lindsey, is taking the introductory history course, with Pardon Tillinghast, taken by many of us back in the early '60s. She was fortunate to be assigned a second-floor single room in Hepburn (now coed), overlooking the tennis courts and cemetery. She has no rave reviews of the food at Proctor and sends letters pleading for care packages. She and her friends have been nicknamed the "Hepburn Hippos" for their voracious appetites. . . .In contrast to our college children, we have two new babies to announce. Maureen and **David Thompson** have a daughter, Emily Broderick, born August 16, 1986, weighing 6 lbs., 5 oz. A daughter was also born to Susan and **Peter Allen** who writes: "Susan and I were extremely sorry to miss the reunion last spring, but we had a pretty good excuse. We spent the last two weeks of May and the first two of June aboard the *S.S. Universe*, the ship we had traveled around the world on in the spring of '85. This time it was for an Alaska cruise—through the Inside Passage and up to Kodiak Island and Anchorage. We stopped at many ports along the way. I was lecturing on the culture of the Indians of the Northwest Coast; it was wonderful to be able to see some of the art and artifacts in their true context. . . .Susan was seven months pregnant and there were lots of jokes with the ship's doctor about brushing up on obstetrics, but the month passed without incident and Susan delivered a healthy 7 lb., 14 oz., girl, Dorothy Emeline Tillinghast Allen, on August 22. Now I am back at Rhode Island College teaching full time; Susan is completing her graduate work at Brown. We have been fortunate to have a young woman from the People's Republic of China living with us this year to help with the baby." . . .While driving down from the Bread Loaf Inn during a glorious Parents Weekend in late September, the Kings ran into **Freeman Allen**, who was just going into the Ripton Post Office. A brief chat through the car window included the news that he had been married on August 9 at Blueberry Hill to Maria Davis, who teaches elementary school in Shoreham. He mentioned that **Dave Terry** and Peter '65 and **Sally Sise Donavan** had attended the wedding. The honeymoon in Scotland included one of Freeman's favorite pastimes—golf. He also said that he had been playing in a serious volleyball league in Middlebury—in which they don't cheat! . . .**Janet Langdon**, pastor of the Federated Church of Putney, was remarried in August 1985 to John Dennington, a writer whom she met in Putney. She and John were going frequently to Middlebury to watch her nephew, Gordon C. Smith '88, play football. She mentioned in a note to Rita that one of the most important things Middlebury did for her was to introduce her to the beauty and importance of Vermont and its lifestyle, an idea with which many of us would agree. . . .**Betsy Leppman Hovinen** was sorry to miss the reunion, "but was enjoying some time in Mexico, introducing Karen (10) and Bradford (5) to a place where people don't all speak English. The damage from the terrible earthquake that Mexico City suffered in September 1985 is still very evident, as is the air pollution. Spring also saw the publication of our book, *The Pennsylvania Dutch Country: A Pictorial History* by Pennsylvania Publishers in Lancaster. Co-author Gary Hovinen taught geography at Middlebury from 1971-73. Now I'm teaching two courses in geography at York College of Pennsylvania as well as continuing to pursue my map and book editing." . . .A recent photo of **Nancy Johnson** shows her in cap and gown with son Bill: "Twenty years to the day, if memory serves, from our graduation from Middlebury, I finally fulfilled a 25-year ambition by graduating from law school! On June 7, I earned my J.D., with the Order of St. Ives, from the University of Denver College of Law after three years (winter and summer) of going to school at night after work. I have left a 14-year career in commercial banking (where I had some notion of what I was doing) to become a first-year associate (euphemism for green-rookie-who-has-no-notion-of-what-she-is-doing) at one of Denver's oldest and largest law firms and feel, professionally, as though I've died and gone to heaven. I just love it. All my sisters and brother and friends came to graduation (which my sisters charmingly dubbed the coronation), but my greatest supporter there was my 16-year-old son Bill. A large party capped off the day and commenced (1) what is now my third career (publishing, banking, law), and (2) the running of the clock on all those student loans that got me through law school—6 in all!" Congratulations, Nancy! . . .Brent and **Sandie Burrington Beck** have moved to 7991 Lancelot Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514. Although Brent finished 20 years in the Navy in June, it just didn't seem to be good time to "retire" and start a new career, since they have two boys in college and a third at home. Brent is assigned to the *USS Lexington* in Pensacola. . . .**Barrie Bell** and her mother live one mile from Sonoita, Ariz. (Box 290, Sonoita, AZ 85637), on a place which was built for a horse breeder. Having only one horse of her own, she rents stalls to a woman who trains Arabians for show. "Through her we have met a lot of interesting people. I've started some typing/telephone work for the Republicans, Quarter Horse, and Arabian Clubs." Barrie rides her Arabian mare all over their fenced 20 acres. . . .When **Rick Fall** wrote in October, he was in the process of moving back to Denver (2800 S. University Blvd., #122, Denver, CO 80210) after more than five years in Vail. He will still be active in his Vail real estate firm, Richard C. Fall Real Estate Services, and he is planning to expand his involvement into the Denver marketplace in 1987. Relocating will allow him to see more of his children—Laney (12) and Mike (10). He adds, "Had a great summer on the golf links. Highlights included participation in the American Amateur Classic in Pensacola, Fla., last May; playing with Gary Hallberg for two days in the 10th Annual Jerry Ford Invitational; and finishing in a three-way tie for first place in the Vail Valley Golf Classic with one of our local pros (we beat Jack Nicklaus's team by 11 shots!)." . . .With typical good humor, **George Britton** says he is still working at the Orange County Environmental Management Agency, "protecting our area for future generations or ruining business for the development industry, take your pick. We moved here in 1972—for no more than a couple of years. We're now so well acclimated that we freeze if it dips below 65 degrees! Our family includes Sue (Rugg) '67, son Lucas (11), a dog and two cats. Also have pool, two cars and a long freeway commute. Are we suburban, or what?" . . .**John Valby** is a traveling musician, playing piano and singing dirty songs for a living. He and wife Mary Kay are also producing some clean albums which were due out recently—*A Sawmill River Christmas* and *Ivy* (an album with singer and sax player, Pete Howard). . . .**William Ames** was elected president of the Ames Free Library board of directors in Easton, Mass. *The Enterprise* reported this fact, mentioning that Bill is a graduate of Milton Academy and Middlebury, that he served with the First Cavalry in Vietnam during the Tet offensive, and that he worked for the National Life Insurance Company in Vermont and Welch and Forbes Investment advisors in Boston. He now runs his own business. . . .From **Jean Gear Gillespie Lamont** (350 Central Park West 14I, New York, NY 10025): "I was remarried August 22 to Nick Lamont. Our family now consists of four sons: Tim Gillespie (12), David Gillespie (15), Colin Lamont (16), and Ian Lamont (19). I am head

of the upper school at The Allen-Stevenson School, an all-boys school, grades 1-9, in N.Y.C. Last year I helped launch Early Steps, a recruitment program for kindergarten and first grade to promote ethnic diversity in independent schools in N.Y.C.; I am now president of its advisory board. I enjoy weekends and vacations in the Berkshires (Canaan, N.Y.), which at least has the flavor of Vermont."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. William H. Hearne (Deven Hayford), 324 Ayrault Road, Fairport, NY 14450, and Richard E. Roller, 260 Front St., Marion, MA 02738.*

See you all at our 20th Reunion. Let's have a wonderful time!

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Class Secretaries: *Shari Galligan Johnson, 230 Hopkinton Road, Concord, NH 03301, and Dr. Bentley C. Gregg, 9800 Meadow Knoll Court, Vienna, VA 22180.*

Our class "lost and found" column has been very successful. **Jim Barnes** wrote to say he had spied **Skip Smith** a year ago in downtown Chicago. Apparently Skip caught Jim's eye because he was wearing the traditional tweed jacket but was carrying skis, boots, and a suitcase—"an ordinary scene at Midd but not in downtown Chicago." Skip had arrived at Union Station from Michigan where he had just finished graduate work. He now lives in Minneapolis. Jim is the director of community planning and development division in HUD's Chicago office. He lives in Wheaton, Ill., with wife Barb and four children. Last June he got his MBA from DePaul. . . .Starr Kruesi Weekes '64 wrote to tell us that her brother-in-law, **Jim Weekes**, moved a while back from Bridport, Vt., to 24 Pheasant Way, Burlington, VT 05401 with wife Janie and three children. He has been a professional photographer since moving to Vermont in the early '70s. . . .**Peter Lauriat** has become a partner in the law firm of Peabody and Brown in Boston; he also serves as co-counsel for the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee. Before his job change, Peter had worked at the law firm of Herrick and Smith. Last January he briefly inherited Herrick and Smith's four Fenway Park season tickets, but was unable to come up with the $3,000 purchase price and had to pass them along to another partner. Peter, a fanatic baseball fan, says since then "he's been kicking himself day and night." He lives in Watertown, Mass., with wife Alison and children Nicholas and Kate. . . .**Ann A. Philips** was recently appointed to the faculty of Bates College. She is a lecturer in Russian. Ann got her M.A. from Harvard and an M.S. from the University of Southern Maine. . . .A recent article in the *Boston Business Journal* included a photograph by **Kurt Stier**. He is a professional photographer who does both agency and corporate work. He began working after graduation in film and later began working in art and fashion photography. He says his "favorite photographs are simple, graphic and have impact." . . .Our lost (and, we hope, to be found) classmates for this column are **Stephen J. Callahan, Deborah Carr, Kevin Terry Comiskey, Jeff Danner, Linda DeLapp, Susan F. Dienelt, Robert Driscoll, Leslie Dunkel, Stuart Dunn, Russell Fellows**, and **Sarah Crum Fellows.**

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Class Secretaries: *Wendy Cole Singleton, 16109 Chalfont Circle, Dallas, TX 75248, and Lynn Markham Beebe, 12 Summerwood Road, W. Simsbury, CT 06092.*

We have heard that **Marjorie Carran Shepardson** is a reading specialist at Mt. Caesar and Sullivan schools. Marjorie has her master's in education from Keene State College. . . .While at Homecoming, **Lynn Markham Beebe** ran into Ed '70 and **Sarah Schoch Miller** and **Jackie Ogden English** at the dedication of the new DKE fraternity house. We all enjoyed cheese and crackers and wine and an escape from the cold. Wish we had more news—help us out!

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Class Secretaries: *J. Ashley Cadwell, RD 1, Box 56, Orchard Lane, Middlebury, VT 05753, and Thomas de Rogatis, 27 E. 65th St., #5E, New York, NY 10021.*

Those of you who have not been noted here over the last three issues have now received three warnings: one by direct mail, one via the annual giving letter, and *this one*. Where are you? What are you up to? Respond please. Otherwise, creative writing (otherwise known as "Libel Labels") will fill in the blanks. . . .In April 1985, after many years in the foundation world, **Pam Brooks** decided to pursue a long-standing interest in nutrition, starting to work with two naturopathic physicians. She discovered a talent for managing service-oriented businesses and received several unsolicited job offers from a variety of businesses. In April 1986, she joined two friends in their new company, an executive recruiting firm, specializing in international finance. . . .After returning to Maine (RFD #1, Box 300, Poland Spring, ME 04274) to teach/coach 15 years ago, **Gary Westerman** "headed west to ski and ended up cooking breakfast for more than a few Midd graduates at the White Kitchen Cafe in Aspen. Married, then off to Indiana to watch Larry Bird and pursue advanced degrees in physical geography. (And to think it all began with Vince Malmstrom's world regional class!) First child arrived in 1978. Returned to Maine to settle in, working for the state environmental regulatory agency for five years. Family has kept growing (#4 due in May '87). Now work as project manager and environmental scientist with a private consulting firm in Portland, Maine, assessing environmental and human health risks from chemical exposures. . . .**William** and Melinda Held '73 **Brunger** and son Christopher (8) have a new address: 6131 Wakeforest, Houston, TX 77005. Bill is on headquarters staff at Continental Airlines. . . .**Ashley Cadwell** announced his resignation from the Development Office at Middlebury: "I have begun a design contracting firm in Middlebury. I've always had a passion for designing and building homes, so at this potent mid-life crisis stage I've decided to give it a whirl. I am presently working with different partners on houses and land development around Vermont—one partner is **Bill "Mole" Moore**!

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Class Secretaries: *Paula Morgan Wyman, RD 1, Box 1395, Arlington, VT 05250, and Andrew Knowland, 4 Hampden St., Wellesley, MA 02181.*

Four Middlebury graduates are now near neighbors in Bangor, Maine: (from left, back row) Nancy Stetson Remsen '72, Ken Remsen '71, Thomas Johnston '70, and Patti Means Johnston '72. Their children, who are good friends, are all involved in Saturday soccer games during the fall. The front row soccer players are Karl Remsen (5), Erik Remsen (8), Tim Johnston (7), Kristen Johnston (9), and Greg Johnston (6).

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Class Secretaries: *Judy McCormack Culhane, P.O. Box 15753, Honolulu, HI 96830, and William E. Carlough, 54 Pleasant Ave., Pleasantville, NY 10570.*

After 12 years at Tower Hill School in Wilmington, Del., **Jeffrey Lott** has been appointed director of publications at the Episcopal Academy in Merion, Pa. Jeff and wife **Wendy Coe Lott** continue to live in northern Delaware with their two children. . . .**Barbara Twichell McKeon** is now teaching kindergarten in Cornish, N.H., in addition to teaching art at the Grantham Village School. . . .**Vicky Rossini Allies**, president of Training 'n Technology, writes that her consulting firm has recently been chosen to help launch a $15 million high tech venture in China. . . .The new baby department reports three additions: **Bill Redway** writes from London that he and wife Jane Shillito welcomed Matthew Alan Charles on May 28, 1985; Susan and **Joe McDonough** welcomed Catherine May on September 15, 1986; and **Betsy Coquillard White** and husband Daniel welcomed Rebecca Page on July 7, 1986.

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Class Secretary: *Mary Farley, 27 Horseshoe Road, Mount Kisco, NY 10549.*

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Class Secretary: *Peter Colton, 614 Grand Ave., #B, St. Paul, MN 55102.*

The Grammar School, an independent day school in Putney, Vt., has hired **Torie Albert-Olson** as its development director. Torie had worked in the development and promotional area recently for the Yellow Barn Music Festival and Marlboro College. . . .The St. Paul, Minn., men's tennis team, of which **Peter Colton** was a member, competed in the USTA/Volvo National Championships September

19-21 at Seabrook Island Plantation, S.C. Peter discovered that there are good and compelling reasons why Mpls./St. Paul is not the tennis mecca of the country. . . .**Mary G. Kane** (998 Marlborough, Barrington, IL 60010) has returned to a full-time medical practice in gastroenterology, following the November 21, 1985, birth of a son, V. Eric Kerchberger. Mary met her husband, Vern Kerchberger, while doing her residency work at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. . . .**Mark Patinkin** (14 Rhode Island Ave., Providence, RI 02906) was married May 10 on Martha's Vineyard to Heidi Janes, who works as the director of alumni relations at Brown University. Mark's work with *The Providence Journal* has taken him in 1986 to Northern Ireland, India, and Lebanon to cover and write about religious violence in those areas. Mark spoke at an October 15, 1986, convocation for students at Rhode Island College about his experiences overseas.

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Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown, 1 Roseland Road, Worcester, MA 01609, and Tony MacDonald, 48 Perry St., #2R, New York, NY 10014.*

Doug Dorman has been promoted to executive vice president of Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital in Farrell, Pa. Doug joined the hospital in 1982 as director of personnel and later was named v.p. of human resources and marketing. He became a member of the College of Osteopathic Health Executives in April. Doug's new responsibilities at S.V.O.H. include the oversight of laboratory, radiology, and long-range planning. He lives in Sharon, Pa., with wife Lyn and their two children. In his spare time he teaches management at Penn State, Shenango Valley Campus. . . .**Terri Murphy Burditt** (146 Dwyer Drive, Geneva, NY 14456) wrote to **Tony MacDonald** recently to update us on their family news. "Burd" has been named treasurer at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y. After Midd he received his master's from American Graduate School of International Management. He has been an employee of Chase Manhattan Bank for seven years, working part of that time in Copenhagen, Denmark. For the past year he has been the firm's v.p. for corporate banking in White Plains. The really BIG news, however, is that the Burditts celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on November 6. Belated congratulations to the old married folks from all of us! . . .**Russ Marrazzo** reports that—11 years after leaving old Middlebury—he's finally finished with his medical training. He and wife Janice moved to Don Johnson's neck of the woods—Miami, Fla. (90 Edgewater Drive, #1102, Coral Gables, FL 33133)—last July, where Russ is now entrenched in the private practice of colon and rectal surgery. . . .**Bill Kraus** has been appointed spiritual leader at Temple Beth-El in Somerville, N.J. Rabbi Kraus had intended to pursue a career in international law after graduating from Middlebury, where he studied economics and Russian language. While at Midd he was refused the opportunity for a year's study in Russia because he was Jewish, and wound up instead in Israel helping to resettle Soviet Jews. As a result, Bill decided upon a future in religion instead of law. He has worked for the Boy Scouts of America as a national director of the Jewish scouting program and helped to found a new congregation in Houston, Texas. Married to Ellen Lewis, a rabbi in Summit, N.J., they are one of approximately 15 rabbi couples in the U.S. (Ed. note: Bill represented President Robison and Middlebury at the Centennial Convocation of Yeshiva University last September.) . . .Remember classmate **Judy Perry**? She completed her undergraduate studies at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., and also got her MBA there in 1977. Judy married Marshall Schwartz in 1978 and now lives in Eden Prairie, Minn. She has been in touch with another member of the class of '75, **Sara Meyer**. They went to high school together as well! Sara lives in nearby Minneapolis. Judy and Marshall are the proud parents of Sara Megan, their first child, born September 7, 1986. Best wishes and good luck to you both! . . .**Tony MacDonald** was on hand for a special preview of a show written and produced by **Peter Kuhnhardt**, at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Titled the *50th Anniversary of Life*, it is a retrospective of the history of *Life* magazine.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Jonathan L. Drake (Cathy Colton), 546 Hilaire Road, St. Davids, PA 19087, and Jim Vear, 4129 N. Oakley, Chicago, IL 60618.*

On a recent Sunday, I (**Jim Vear**) decided to contact the other members of the Illinois chapter of the class of '76—all four of them! (Or are there more of you out there? If so, please let me know.) Against all odds, I went 4 for 4! Other than yours truly, only one other member of "local '76" lives on the North side of the Windy City. Lincoln Park resident **Carol Waldman** has been with the law firm of Sonnenschein Carlin Netch and Rosenthal since graduating from Northwestern Law School in 1985. In addition to general litigation, she has been handling cases for refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala, learning about the Central American political situation, directly from its participants. This "pro bono" project has been highly motivating for Carol, and has her seeking more political cases. In her free time she is performing with the Bon Tempo Singers, an 8-voice a cappella group specializing in Renaissance and other European music. According to Carol, this "very dedicated group of amateurs is the next best thing to the College choir." . . .On the South side of the city, Hyde Park boasts two '76ers. Although he has always had a close kinship with New England, **Pierce Hollingsworth**'s roots are "deeply and firmly entrenched in Chicago for now." He has been here since graduation, first getting his master's at Medill School of Journalism (Northwestern University), then working with Gorman Publishing Company for eight years, and now completing his second year as a journalism professor back at Medill. Pierce's local ties were greatly increased when he married native Chicagoan Vicki Braschel in 1983. They have two sons, Thomas Pierce (2) and Nathanael Robert (1) and, he adds, "you know you're a real Chicagoan when your kids are born in a hospital overlooking Bear territory" (a.k.a. Soldier Field). In his spare time (hard to believe he has any), Pierce does some writing and consulting for several magazines. . . .**Marion Adler** and husband Dave McCormick '74 are still in Hyde Park after eight wonderful years of marriage. Marion has been an attorney for Kirkland and Ellis for four years, following graduation from University of Chicago Law School. She recently had a Thai food feast with the visiting **Jane Limprech.** Marion reports that Jane, who is living in Madison, Wis., is a non-partisan legislative assistant for the Wisconsin State Legislature. . . .In Champaign, the fourth member of the Illinois '76ers, **Stewart Graham** is now a certifiable "flatlander." (You coastal types can rest assured that central Illinois is the flattest of the flatlands. This is a place where the biggest hills around are the ramps going down to the basements of buildings!) He and wife Chris (married in 1982) have lived in corn and soybean country for three years and they love it. They are also the proud new parents of their first child, Jeffrey, born May 3, 1986. . . .Leaving the Midwest, our next dateline is Damariscotta, Maine. (I found it in my atlas—can you?) **Judy Sandick** joined Miles Internal Medicine, a team of four internists practicing at Miles Memorial Hospital in Damariscotta, in September 1986. This fulfills a lifelong dream for Judy, who was inspired as a child by her father, an orthopedic surgeon. She graduated from Albany Medical Center Hospital and did residencies there and at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Judy married David Nutt in 1985 and they live on Southport Island. (*That* one I couldn't find!) Dave builds, repairs, and reconstructs wooden boats at Brewer's Boatyard in Boothbay. . . .Dateline: Honesdale, Pa. **Steve Fraser**, his wife, and daughter became Pennsylvanians in September 1986, moving from Andover, Mass. Steve is associate editor of *Highlights for Children*, a children's magazine with a circulation of 2 million. (I don't know about the rest of you, but that magazine brings back childhood memories of our family dentist, who always had *Highlights for Children* in his waiting room. Just thinking about it makes my teeth hurt.) . . .Oh, maybe a few of you (a lot of you? most of you?) don't know what I've been up to. Here's a thumbnail sketch from **Jim Vear** since graduation: high school science teacher and coach; P.E. graduate student (yes, such a thing does exist); married man (very happily since 1/8/83, to Amy Gudbrandsen, custom picture framer and racquetball bum). Currently I'm implementing an urban environmental outreach education program for the Museum of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. The objective is to develop the students' environmental awareness and foster (*if* possible) respectful and responsible attitudes toward their neighborhoods.

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Class Secretaries: *Nancy Kelley Hewes, RD 3, Box 198A, Chestertown, MD 21620, and Edward C. Young, 222 Stillmeadow Drive, Garland, TX 75040.*

Congratulations to Joe and **Audrey Marx Alonis** on the birth of their first child, Andrew, in October. Audrey was planning a February return to work as an office manager. . . .**Tom Andrews** has been appointed creative director of video and music promotion for Columbia Pictures. . . .**Terry Baer** (7629 Wyndown Unit #1 South, St. Louis, MO 63105) is a commercial and industrial realtor with Dolan Realtors in St. Louis. Experiencing the beauty of Middlebury chapel service again last fall, T-Baer has decided to get married there the second time around. Any takers? . . .Re our October questionnaire: **Scott** and Jenny Blocklyn '78 **Blanchard** would willingly send daughter Katherine (age 1-½) to Middlebury provided that she obtains a full scholarship. Future plans for the Blanchards include getting out of debt. Scott, who is associate professor at Southampton College, rates as his most memorable events at Middlebury the Sig Ep Halloween parties. . . .**Mary Jo Danckert** (owner of "Ahead with Ideas") is a self-employed advertising consultant in Springfield, Mass. . . .With the birth of his daughter, Sarah Ellen, in July 1986, Grosse Pointe (Mich.) physician **Ted Daniel** has expanded his medical practice to include the treatment of colic, scraped knees, and other childhood ailments. . . .Having completed an M.A. in geography from

the University of California-Berkeley and an MBA from Cornell, **Frank Dunau** is an investment analyst in Boston. If Frank can't find you a profitable investment scheme somewhere in the world, nobody can! . . .Drawing upon her M.A. in theology and her Ph.D. in clinical psychology, **Heather Ensworth** is a clinical psychologist in Pasadena, Calif. . . .**Dave French** urges classmates to write to him at his new address: 1255 Detroit Ave., #15, Concord, CA 94520-3681. . . .An Army intelligence officer, **Jack Gill**'s future plans include our 10th reunion and never again to eat Bob's Big Boy. And that's from someone who eats Army food! . . .**Amanda Below Gilliland** is an RN/audit coordinator in Madison, Wis. She and husband Hugh have two sons, Jordan (7) and Ross (4). . . .**Brian Halpern** MD (9 Cherry Brook Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540) has too many awards, honors, and publications in the area of sports medicine to mention in this space. However, a few of Brian's major accomplishments include marrying Karen Foster Halpern (a special education teacher), becoming a father to Danyelle Aryn (born February 10, 1986), and making a presentation to the N.Y. Giants. . . .**Bruce Hardy** (606 Gibbon St., Alexandria, VA 22314) received an MBA from Boston University and is now an investment manager in Washington, D.C. Bruce's personal investment strategy is to open a bed & breakfast operation as a side line. . . .**Sue Maeder Hammersley** reports that she has moved nine times in the past ten years, most recently to 905 Virginia Drive, Sarasota, FL 33580. Now that she and husband Phil have a daughter, Kaitlin Cushman, there's even more stuff to move! . . .Tom and **Meg Gross Howard** live in Richmond, Vt., with their 5-year-old daughter, April Molly. Meg is a full-time psychotherapist/counselor and mother while restoring a house and getting a master's degree—all at once! Undaunted by such activity, Meg hopes to write books, take on more private clients, and either raise foster children or foster her own children, we're not too sure. Ask Meg—she'll be dropping by at our reunion in May. . . .Massage therapist, EMT and nuclear protestor **Tom Jacobson** spends his time trying to remove one "pain" after another. Tom's most notable achievements include numerous civil disobedience arrests at nuclear power plants and the Pentagon. . . .**Bridget Jans** is pursuing a teaching certificate at the University of Montana. . . .**Kim Reiland Landry** has taken time off from her job as newspaper editor to be a full-time mother and homework editor to daughter Jasmine (2) and son Ethan (8 months). Kim was the 1986 commencement speaker at Greenwich (Conn.) High School. . . .**Linda Leadbetter Larkin** recently served on a college board task force to develop a course description and advanced placement exam for economics. She is mother to Robert, Jr. (7), Andrea (5), and Dana (4), and wife of Robert Larkin '67. . . .Charlotte and **Peter Leonard** have moved to Nevada (Box 348, Virginia City, NV 89440), where Peter works as a property manager and contemplates early retirement—depending on his luck in Reno. . . .**Duncan Law**, a marketing rep for Lotus Development Corp. still lives by the adage "Live fast, die young, leave a good looking corpse." (The Fonz). . . .**Bob Lindberg** hopes to take enough time from his position as estate planner with Connecticut General Life Insurance to play the top 100 golf courses in the nation. He and wife Carol vacation in Manchester, Vt., and Hamilton, Bermuda. . . .**Sue Garey McDougall** is a manager of marketing services for Simplex Recorder Co. in Gardner, Mass. She and Grant '78 have a one-year-old son, Ian. Future plans: to have more children and enjoy their new condo in Waterville Valley. . . .As the newly-appointed chief of the Victim Witness Service Bureau for Middlesex County, Mass., **Patty McNamara** supervises 23 advocates who work with victims and witnesses in 12 district courts, three juries of six sessions, and two superior courts. . . .**Tom Martyn**'s most memorable event from his college days was rock climbing the cascades by moonlight with a keg. Now wouldn't you just die if children Peter and Emily tried that, Tom? Did you know him then, Ellen? Tom plans to retire by 40, provided he lives that long. His suggestion for reunion activities: another freshman week. . . .Upon graduation from Middlebury, **Johnna Murray** went straight into full-time theatre work in N.Y.C., skipping the preliminary waitressing and cab driving so many others must endure. Johnna was assistant to the director of *Sunday in the Park with George* (WOW!) and is presently stage manager for the Sondheim/Lapine musical *Into the Woods*. How about a couple of seats on stage, Johnna? . . .**Deborah Oyer** is due to receive her MD from Harvard in June 1987 in family medicine. . . .**John Ofsonka** would like us to notify classmates that he is now receiving mail and home-baked goods at his new address: 106 Morris Drive, #102, Laurel, MD 20707. John's most memorable event while at Midd was trying to drive over Lincoln Gap in January. Even the locals don't try that! . . .Vying for the greatest distance traveled award, **Mark Perry** (6779 Beadnell Way, #213, San Diego, CA 92117) plans to cross the country to attend our 10th reunion. . . .**Linda Ruth** was noted as one of "50 People to Watch in the Publishing Industry" by *Magazine and Bookseller*, a newsstand trade publication. However, watching Linda won't be easy. She has had 11 job changes since graduation, not counting two promotions from within, and has relocated 11 times, excluding 9 months in Europe and 5 changes of residence in her current locale—Jaffrey, N.H. Always involved in an exhilarating project, Linda's future plans include becoming a saint. Dare we ask how? Her undeniably most memorable event at Midd was discussing philosophy in the hallway of Battell freshman year while R——— G———lit M-80's out the window and the rest of 2nd floor central wandered by naked, slow motion streaking. And we thought surely it would be the day Linda and her trained seals entertained Olin Robison at Marine Land, Fla.! . . .**Betsey Seeley**, vice president of customer service with Citicorps Diners Club in Denver, was planning to climb a peak in the Himalayas in April '87. . . .**Karen Stolley** is assistant professor of Spanish at Vassar College. Husband David Littlefield '79 owns Littlefield Assets Management, an investment counseling service in Poughkeepsie. Karen returned to Midd to teach at the Spanish Summer School in 1986 and—for the third time in her life—lived in Hepburn. Talk about deja vu! . . .**Peter Terry** survived desert temperatures to receive a master's in international management from Thunderbird in Miami. Last year he ran the Chicago Marathon. At present, Peter is a foreign language teacher in Illinois. . . .**Bill Thickstun** will be on hand at reunion to sign copies of his book, *Visionary Closure in the Modern Novel*—provided MacMillan & Co. gets it published on time. It makes a terrific present for your loved ones (copies are sold cheaper in cases of 100). . . .After surviving 13 consecutive Vermont winters, **Sandra Wright White** and family have moved to sunny and warm Auburn, Calif., where she teaches elementary school. Other accomplishments include being a working mother to 5-year-old Freeman, staying married, returning to graduate school for an M.E. in language and literature, and receiving no grade lower than a B+. Sandra's future plans are to be a child psychologist, have another child, own a house with a hot tub, and win a sweepstakes. . . .Thanks for all the news, you guys. Now go read the rest of this magazine!

Leslie Orton '77 and Thomas Mahar were married on Church Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H., on September 6, 1986. Celebrating the event were (from left) Don and Tina Besse Gilbert '77, Ken and Sue Phelps Fisher '77, Lisa Kline, Liz Robert Hill '78, Tom and Leslie, Nancy Eaton Welch '77 and husband Adrian, Nancy Kelley Hewes '77 with baby Blair and husband Bob.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Arthur Hancock, Jr. (Lucy Newell), 8 Merrymount Road, Hingham, MA 02043, and Robert K. Race, 12 Sandpiper Drive, Englishtown, NJ 07726.*

Rob Race has graciously agreed to become co-secretary for '78. As we approach our 10th reunion, Rob and I (**Lucy Newell Hancock**) will be looking for lots of ideas and help from you. . . .At Homecoming '86 I visited with **Martha Coombs Parvis**, and I caught a glimpse of **Amy Dale**, but I didn't spot any others from '78. . . .Word has it that **Steve Sass** is coaching high school soccer in Hartford, Vt. According to a newsclipping, Steve is encouraging his players to train hard and be competitive, but also to have a good time! . . .Jane and **Payson Swaffield** have purchased a house not far from Boston (33 Hoover Ave., Westwood, MA 02090). Payson is working for State Street Bank; Jane is with Bank of Boston. . . .**Ron** and **Sue Woodworth Frisbee** are pleased to announce the arrival of a daughter, Chelsea Lee, born on July 27, 1986. She joins Gideon (2-½). Ron and Sue, who live in Delhi, N.Y., report that their business, Spring Run Property Management, is thriving. They provide a variety of landscaping, forestry, agricultural consulting, tree work, and caretaking services for landowners in Delaware County. . . .Shayne Maris Dippo was born March 18, 1986. She comes from a long line of Midd alums, including her mother, **Karen Bronner Dippo**, her aunt, Lisa Bronner' 76, and her grandfather, Herbert Bronner '49. Karen writes: "My husband, John, was recently promoted to assistant vice president of Manufacturer's Hanover Bank. I am at home with the baby and am loving it. I am also opening a business out of our residence in fine stationery. We recently attended a dinner in New York sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai Brith, honoring my father. Also in attendance were Al Dragone '50, a friend of my father's. He is the father of **Al Dragone**., who is apparently doing well and working very hard."

Although no names accompanied this photo, the faces belong to some 20 or more Middlebury people who celebrated the marriage of Michael and Katrina Kassler Waters '78 on August 31, 1986, in Denmark, Maine. The newlyweds now live in Fairbanks, Alaska, where Michael practices architecture and Katrina produces documentary films.

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Class Secretaries: *Margaret A. Paine, P.O. Box 1522, Manchester Center, VT 05255, and Tiffany Nourse Sargent, P.O. Box 333, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

After working with Katimarik in Montreal helping to develop a conservation corps proposal during fall '85, **Gen Howe** went to work in January '86 for the California Conservation Corps in Public Service Work for Youth Development. Gen writes, "Canada was wonderful. I have a great job with the CCC running the satellite in Fresno with three staff and about 40 corps members. The highlight thus far was emergency flood duty in February and March." Her new address is 1467 E. Warner Ave., Fresno, CA 93710 (209-432-7278). . . .**Jim Higgins** (4601 Colling, Troy, MI 48098) announces that he and his wife had a son, Matthew Andrew, on January 9, 1986. Jim works for Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. . . .In August 1986, **Dan Novak** and two other doctors opened an office for the practice of family medicine in Middletown, Conn. He graduated from Rutgers Medical School in '83 and Middlesex Memorial Hospital Family Practice Program in '86. Dan has also been active with the American Cancer Society. Wife Kathleen Grib Novak is a social worker in the Cerebral Palsy Clinic at Newington Children's Hospital. . . .**David** and Adrienne Harper '80 **Magida** have moved to RFD 3, Box 3850, Montpelier, VT 05602. Dave has been appointed by Facilities Resource Management out of Madison, Conn., to oversee day plant operations on the Vermont College campus in Montpelier, Vt. . . .**Joel Werthman** received his M.A.T. in English from Brown University. He was recently appointed to the Holliston High School English faculty. . . .Jackie and **Noel Quinton** announced the birth of their son, Andrew, on August 19, 1986. In May '86 Beth and **Mike Miller** had a daughter, Erin. Congratulations to ALL you proud new parents!

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Class Secretary: *Melisa B. Stern, 67 Monument Ave., Charlestown, MA 02129.*

It's been great to hear from and see so many of you via letters and phone calls, up at Midd or around Boston. . . .**Peter Barlerin** has earned his M.A. in economics from the University of Maryland. . . .**Dana Brettell** has traded her teaching career in Middlebury for one in Maine. She had been teaching French and art to junior high and high school students; in Portland she is teaching French to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders while also serving as an assistant ski coach. . . .Joining the real estate boom in Boston, **Pam Blake** is working for a mortgage company. . . .The talents cultivated by **Laura Boucher** as special events coordinator for all Filene's stores were quite evident when she transformed the ballroom at the Westin Hotel with her decorations for the 2nd annual Ski Ball in Boston, an event that was well attended by the local Midd contingency. . . .**Marcy Robinson Dembs** is practicing with a Syracuse law firm while she and her husband also work on restoring their antique house. . . .**Peter Duncan** migrated back to the East from California to begin his first year at Amos Tuck. . . .**Ian Douglas** is also back in school, this time for a Ph.D. in religious studies at BU. Ian and Kristin Harris '79 moved from Connecticut to Arlington, Mass., in August. Kristin is a mid-wife. . . .**Joe Devlin** is in Boston since graduating from Cornell with his MBA. He is a stock analyst at Liberty Mutual. . . .**Debbie Elliot** is working diligently in Chase Manhattan's training program in N.Y.C. . . .**Mark Fernberg** is a controller with a high tech firm in Boston. . . .**Jennifur Fields** and **Marcy Kent** continue to be roommates in N.Y. Jennifur works for Christie's; Marcy is a lawyer. . . .**Jane Fletcher** has bought a house in Framingham, Mass. When not working on homeowner's projects, Jane works at Stratus Computer. . . .**Anna Gebelein**, who lives in Boston, is in sales and marketing for Seasoned to Taste, a Cambridge catering company. . . .**Zander Grant** has left the Big Apple for the Hub, transferring from Salomon Brothers last year. . . .**Jim Grossman** has returned to school, working on his master's at the Harvard School of Education. . . .**Jane Hammond** took full advantage of her summer vacation away from St. Paul's by traveling to South Africa. Her trip had a dual purpose—to attend a conference on reconciliation with the African Enterprise and to visit schools around the country. . . .**Phelps Hoyt** and **Patty Wiley** recently purchased an antique house in North Reading, Mass. Phelps is a management consultant with Price Waterhouse in Boston; Patty is a publicity manager for Addison Wesley. They have previous experience with home restoration, having already renovated their Goshen, Vt., cabin, the setting for at least one '80 mini-reunion. Work on the North Reading home was not to begin until their return from a month-long visit to New Zealand. They invite others to pay them a visit in Vermont. We are indebted to Phelps and Patty for news of several other classmates. . . .**Rendy Barlow** left Burlington, Vt., for Washington state, while **Mike Harris** and his wife have moved to Burlington. Mike is an assistant to a federal judge since graduating from law school in Wisconsin. . . .In another cross-country move, **Paul** and **Nancy Cochran Crochiere** left Minnesota to return to New England. Living in Boxford, Mass., Paul is a lawyer in Burlington and Nancy works for West Publishing Company in Newburyport. They made a trip to Switzerland last fall. . . .**Carolyn Kiley** has bought a house in Melrose, Mass. She is vice president of marketing for Bay State Cruises in Boston. . . .Since graduating from Columbia with his MBA, **Pete Horowicz** has been working at Manufacturers Hanover in N.Y.C. . . .**Ray Miolla** has returned to Boston to practice with the firm of Hale and Dorr. . . .While **Carolyn "Red" Osborn** regrets she was unable to attend our 5th reunion, she did make it back to Midd over Columbus Day week-

August 30, 1986, was the wedding day of James and Liza Storey Brew '80. Front row (from left) includes Tim McNamara '80, Kathy Pimlott '80, Mr. and Mrs. Brew, Susan Coyne; back row: Meg Storey '85 (sister of the bride), Kathy Kohlbry '80, Pam Nugent '81, and Jen Gluck Tinker '80.

Suzanne Young '80 married Robert Bell on August 9, 1986, in Metuchen, N.J. The seven Middlebury women present were (front row, from left) Anna Sherwood Young '50 (mother of the bride), Missi Stern '80, bride Suzanne Young Bell '80, Janet Aylward '80; (back row) Jan Friedhoefer Cole '80, Margie Williams '80, and Anne Havinga '80.

Bart '80 and Mary Tynan Partington ('80 Wellesley) are surrounded by Middlebury friends following their marriage at Wellesley on May 25, 1986. From left, Tom Ward '80, Marcy Parlow Pomerance '81, Ned Hentz '80, Kathi Iococca Hentz '81, Mike Bassett '80, Alden Cadwell '80, the newlyweds, Dorsey Milot '81, Pam Sperry Findlay '78, Hal Findlay '80, Karin Genis '80, John Pomerance '80, and Larry Geller '62. Not pictured were Martha Groton '82, Mike Minor '79, and Robin Howe Townsend '80.

end to celebrate the Chinese department's 10th anniversary. Red has been with the CIA in Washington for six years as an analyst specializing in Taiwan. Her position has given her frequent opportunities to travel to the Far East, which explains her absence from our reunion. . . .**Jenny Pearson** is an architect in Boston, having received her architecture degree from UPenn. . . .**Kathy Pimlott** has received a double master's degree from BU in social work and education. She is now a consultant for the Boston Public School System. . . .**John** and Marcy Parlow '81 **Pomerance** have moved to Concord from Wellesley. John is a lawyer in Boston with McDermott Will & Emery. . . .**Art Poltrack** is in the tax department at Arthur Andersen in Stamford; wife Louise has taken a leave of absence from Price Waterhouse to spend time working on their Ridgefield, Conn., home. Since receiving his joint MBA/JD from Columbia, **Miguel Sanchez** has been practicing law in Manhattan. . . .**Kelley Shea** and her husband have joined the swelling ranks of Midd alums residing in Charlestown, home of the Bunker Hill Monument, the *USS Constitution* and *Spenser for Hire*. Kelley is an auditor with Ernst & Whinney in Boston. . . .Peter '82 & **Grace Brown Smith** have bought a home in Billerica, Mass. Grace is teaching in Stoneham; Peter works for Proctor & Gamble. . . .**Larry Welkowitz** is on the faculty at Columbia Medical Center since receiving his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Hawaii. . . .More marriages and babies for the Class of '80! **Indy Burke** and Mark Lindquist were wed in Mead Chapel on June 14, 1986. . . .Another June 14 marriage was that of **Deborah Highley** to Howard Mackie in Millbrook, N.Y., at the home fo Seward Highley '55, with a multitude of Midd guests in attendance. They are living in N.Y.C. where Deborah is a product manager for the Children's Television Workshop. . . .**Susie Rohardt** and **Kurt Strater** tied the knot on August 31, 1986. Susie is manager of the geographic information system for the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, having finished her master's at SUNY-Buffalo. Kurt works as a chemical engineer at Union Camp Corporation in Princeton. They live in Trenton. . . .**Hal** and Pam Sperry '78 **Findlay** were blessed with the birth of their second son, Nicholas, on October 15, 1986. . . .Duane '78 and **Lori Woodworth Ford** had a new addition to their family on February 12, 1986, when daughter Mattie Woodworth was born. Lori is working half time for Raytheon as a instructional designer and also works freelance. Duane has been promoted to head football coach at Tufts. Though the Jumbos are their new team, the Fords miss the Panthers! . . .**Jim** and Sarah Van der Veer '82 **Ryan** became parents on October 1, 1986, when son James III was born in Rochester, N.Y. . . .It is with great sadness that we report the death of one of our classmates, **Tom Rooney**, on October 10, 1986. He was in a bicycle accident at a ski resort near Allentown, Pa., where he was attending a conference. Tom was in his final year of the molecular biology doctoral program at Princeton.

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Class Secretaries: *Cynthia L. Strong, 255 E. 23rd St., #19F, New York, NY 10010, and Joshua M. Horowitz, 2095 Norse Drive, #110, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.*

Apologies for the lack of notes in the last issue. But the lines of communication are now open. . . .**Edmund Neuhaus** reports that he has finally moved from Worcester to Cambridge (110 Seventh St., #2, Cambridge, MA 02141). Ed has successfully completed four years of graduate work in chemical psychology at Clark University, and is now completing his Ph.D. dissertation. . . .**Lynda Dupre**, upon receiving her law degree at the University of Pittsburgh Law School, was sworn in as a member of the Somerset County Bar in Pennsylvania. Another honor was bestowed upon Linda at graduation when she was awarded the Charles Debroff Prize for excellence in corporation law. . . .**Robert Hamilton**, formerly head basketball coach at Mario Umana High School in East Boston, has been appointed assistant basketball coach of the men's varsity team at Brandeis University. . . .For those of you following the marriage circuit, the news abounds. **Bob Boissy** (111 Lafayette Road, Syracuse, NY 13205), a Ph.D. student at Syracuse University, tied the knot November 30, 1985, with Katharine Gates (St. Lawrence '82). . . .June 1985 saw the marriage of **Carolyn Allen** and Michael Miller (116 Englewood Ave., #37, Brookline, MA 02146). . . .**Bob Bagdigian** and Deborah Hutson, who were married in Huntsville, Ala., are both furthering the space program with NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. . . .Also in the South, **Cristina Rodriguez** (2501 Brickell Ave., #505, Miami, FL 33129) married Carlos Padial on July 5, 1986. . . .On Labor Day weekend, Chatauqua, N.Y., was the site of the marriage of **Sue Dutcher** and Jay Wagley. As bridesmaids, **Wendy Bassett, Janet Flory**, and **Sheryl Crockett-Tishman** were all in attendance. After honeymooning Down Under, the Wagleys were planning to settle in Baltimore. . . .Bloomfield Hills, Mich., celebrated the wedding of **Kathi Iacocca** and Ned Hentz '80. Kathi and Ned are residing in New York City where Kathi is pursuing the work of the Iacocca Foundation, an organization dedicated to diabetes research. . . .Two '81 marriages occurred in September. On the 13th, **Kathy Leary** exchanged vows with Chris McCarthy (Harvard '82) in Bennington, Vt. Midd bridesmaids included **Marcia Parlow Pomerance, Sally Rueger, Susan Taylor Kulp, Cammy King**, and **Cyndy Strong**. On September 28, **Nealle Seavey** and Eric Seltzer were married in East Hampton. The Seltzers are making their home in New York City where Nealle holds the position of assistant counsel for the New York State Banking Department. . . .Donald and **Laurie Allen Marsden** announce the birth of daughter Hannah Beatrice. . . .Nancy and **Joe Smith** are moving to Des Moines, Iowa, where Joe will be an account executive for Flynn/Wright Advertising. . . .In Cheshire, Conn., **Rob Schomburg** is now the electronic test engineer for Allied/Bendix. . . .As a result of a four-year project by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors, **Linda Feldmann Roe** has been one of two New England journalists chosen to spend three months working on newspapers in the Soviet Union. . . .**Margie Higgins** has been named manager of the Melbourne office of the Barnett Bank of Central Florida, N.A. . . .**Peter Doelger**, honored at his graduation from NYU Medical School by being selected Banner Bearer and receiving the Lange Brok Award, has begun his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Hartford (Conn.) Hospital. . . .**Eleanor Duvivier** (23358 Maud St., Hayward CA 94541) writes that she has graduated from veterinary school and is now working in practice in Fremont, Calif. . . .**Garret Gifford** (2014 North Howe, Chicago, IL 60614) graduated last June from Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. He is now employed in the marketing department of Quaker Oats Company in Chicago. . . . More notes next time.

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Class Secretaries: *Karin Bloom Heffernan, P.O. Box 1122, New London, NH 03257, and Harold Burroughs, 480 Upper Valley Road, #B18, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043.*

Nina Koules was married to Arthur Anton (Harvard '81) on October 19, 1986, in Boston, with a great many Middlebury classmates in attendance. Nina continues to work for the Education Resources Institute. . . .**Lindsay Jones** was married to Mitch Nelin last summer in Lake Tahoe. Classmates in attendance included **Tim** and **Nan Yale Stout, Mike Englund** and his fiancée, **Paul Brumbaum** and his wife, and **Francoise McAree**. Paul is working for Wells Fargo in San Francisco. Tim is working towards a master's in environmental policy at Boston University; Nan is in year two at BC Law School. . . .As a correction to our previous notes, **Roger Harper** graduated from Columbia Law School, not Fordham, last spring and is now working for Simpson Thacher and Bartlett in New York. . . .**Mimi Gleason** is with N.W. Ayer, an advertising agency in New York. . . .**Paula Carr** is with Chemical Bank and is working on her MBA at NYU. . . .**Virginia Van Vranken** graduated with her MBA from Columbia last spring and is working in sales and trading at First Boston. . . .**John Tormondsen** is in sales and trading at Goldman Sachs following his graduation from Tuck with an MBA. . . .Current Tuck students include **Heidi Reichenbach, Jeb Martens**, and **Don Notman**. . . .**Mike McNamara** continues to work in sales for GTE Sprint. . . .Joining the ranks of Drexel Burnham Lambert, **Chip Clark** was working in the short term finance area with **Ted Virtue**. Chip was moving to Drexel's L.A. office in a similar capacity as of the first of the year. Ted's wife, **Dani (Shaw)** is working for Christies. . . .**Linda Schurman** was married to Glenn Gerber (Butler '82, U. of Chicago Medical School) last year and has joined the Chicago office of the law firm Latham & Wadkins. . . .**Susie Norsworthy** was married last summer to Marshall Masko in Montreal. Her attendants included **Wendy Behringer, Marcia Cleary**, and **Linda Schurman**. . . .**Rick Hanbury** is teaching physics and coaching soccer in Connecticut. . . .**Ann Slimmon** graduated with a master's in art history from the Williams College program last spring. She is now working at the Hamilton College Museum in Clinton, N.Y. . . .Our fifth reunion looms nearer!

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth Sprague Shields, 2744 N. Marmora, #2, Chicago, IL 60639, and Kenneth F. Edwards, 7630 Rickshaw Drive, Colorado, CO 80918.*

Jeff Scanlon is working for the development office at Loomis Chaffee. . . .**Bart Gummere** is director of college counseling at Pingree School. . . .**Jennifer Baker** writes from Nepal that she's enjoying her stay and would love letters from home. Her address is S.I.T., Box 1373, Kathmandu, Nepal 414516. . . .**Hugh Coyle** is at the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa, teaching in the rhetoric program. . . .**Jan** and **Cheryl Potter-Otto, Jackie Vanacek, Kit Lombardi**, and **Julie Grant** had a mini-reunion at **Betsy Sprague**'s wedding to John Shields on October 4, 1986. Jackie is still working for Hewlett-Packard and pounding the pavement in Philly. Jan and Cheryl and baby Jenna have moved to Boston where Jan is busy attending law school.

Martha McNally and Jim Kerney, both '83, were married in Bronxville, N.Y., on May 31, 1986, bringing together the following Middlebury alumni: (seated in front) Carl Hobert '83 and Dan Kagan '83; (seated, second row) Elizabeth Old '84, Ruth Hill '84, Lindsey Callen '83, bride Martha McNally Kerney '83, and Nina Lawrence Halsey '82; (third row) Marily McCoid Kerney '82, Beth Rockefeller Currier '82, Jennifer Stone '84, Chris Axelson '80, Brooks Neal Axelson '82, Jackie Tobey '83, Frank Burke '83, Jeff Thomsen '83, and Sarah Beeton '83; (back row) George Shively '83, Doug Currier '82, John E. Kerney '61 (uncle of the bridegroom), Jeff Scanlon '83 and John Kerney '83—bearing aloft the bridegroom, Jim Kerney '83—Gene Cleaves '84, Tom Stolberg '83, David Lamb '83, Steve Wright '84, and Lisa Danforth '83. Not in the picture were Chuck Halsey '82, Jill Green '87, Avalin Wilkins Green '63, and Holly Charlesworth Casner '84.

(Word has it that he actually goes to class!) Cheryl is writing a play and hoping to produce it at Bread Loaf this summer. **Kit Lombardi** has a new job, working as a special events coordinator in Boston. . . .**Chris Feldenzer** has entered Wake Forest's Law School in South Carolina. . . .A good time was had by all at the wedding of **Greg Clancy** and Michelle Castelli '82 in Albany, N.Y. Among the '83ers in attendance were **Bruce Gevertz** (who is enjoying his temporary home "transplant" in Chicago), **Bart Gummere, Peter Ulrich, Dan Burchard, Jackie Tobey, Kenny Kaufman, Stu Demirs, Siobhan Leahy Ulrich, Max Alley**, and **Ken Edwards**. After the reception everyone retired to the hotel room to watch game #6 of the World Series. Michael Price '81 and Pete Lamson '85 are among the Red Sox fans who were forced to withstand yet another heartbreak that night.

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth L. Hackett, 418 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20003, and William R. Hathaway, 2773A N. 53rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53210.*

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Class Secretaries: *Katherine Champion, 22 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02138, and Andrew Gluck, 38 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217.*

Midd '85ers are starting to spread,
Having some fun, earning some bread.
Changing, wiser, happy and healthy,
Growing, moving, not necessarily wealthy.
So drop us a line, we want to hear your voice,
Or Mugsie, bust their thumbs—you leave us no choice!

Hello, everyone. Great to see such a strong second Homecoming turnout. Let's keep coming "home" to Midd each fall. Your new communication center in Brooklyn (718-622-3902) is the home of Class Secretary **Andy Gluck** and **Don Hall**. Don has moved to N.Y.C. and is working for Lord, Geller, Frederico, and Einstein on the ad Agency's IBM account. He's a New Yorker with Texas roots—what a combo! Andy's writing sports for the Brooklyn paper. . . .Homecoming was a blast. **Rob Bredahl, Duff Badgley**, and other DU men headed up from Metropolitan New York in a Winnebago. **Steve Buzbee**, still an architecture student at Columbia, also came up from N.Y.C. **Mary Conceison** and **Kim Davis** came up together since Mary now lives and works in Manhattan. She works at Drexel, Burnham, Lambert, and was apartment hunting with **Tenley Adams**. Kim still lives in Brooklyn and works on Wall Street. Other New Yawkers making the trek were **John Owen, Mimi Harding, Meg Storey**, and **Page Sampson**. Page lives in Queens and works for a theater company. Meg is banking, Mimi works in fashion, and John is still in advertising. **Paul Oyer, Sara Ramseyer, Ann Friedhoffer, Cynthia Van Vranken, Bill Betz, Pat O.D.**, and others are still going strong in the N.Y.C. area. . . .**Dale Sailer** (17N, The Village Green, Budd Lake, NJ 07828; 201-347-0957) did not make it to Homecoming. He completed his Irving Trust training program and now works for Irving Business Centers, Inc., in Morristown, N.J. He writes, "**Eric Helsley** married his high school sweetheart on August 9, 1986. Eric works for Union Mutual in Charlotte, N.C. His best man, **Mark Coulter**, lives in Chestnut Hill, Mass., while attending B. school at Northeastern." . . .More Homecoming news: World travelers **Brian Concannon** and **Doug White** finally made it back! Doug flew in from New Zealand after a one-year-plus 'round the world trip. Brian has settled into law school at Georgetown. **Jim MacKay** and Dave Potter '86 are still in Middlebury working and enjoying life, like they always do. **John Denny, Brenda Birmann, Karen Kraus, Jen Campbell, Pete Lamson, Gretchen Loomis, Sarah Dunlap**, and others came up from Boston. John works for the Leonard/Monahan/Saabye ad firm in Providence, R.I. He works with their sports accounts and hopes to take Akeem Olajawon to the rack very soon! Drop a dime on him, Denny! Brenda, Karen, and Jen live together in Brighton. **Sue Poulin, Lyne Hermann, the Lohmann twins, Kathy Loucks, Karen Heggen, Dede Crough, Jen Fisk, Scott Iodice, Janice Palmer**, and **Lisa Olsson** were also back. Jen lives in Hartford, Conn., while Scott sells insurance in Baltimore. A special message from **Win Furber** at Homecoming: "I'm making sculpture in Maine. Tell people if they would like a copy of my brochure to write or call me at 16 Whipple Road, Kittery, ME 03904. I also had a phone conversation with **Bart Riley** who is doing quite well at Cornell doing graduate studies in applied physics." . . .Elsewhere, **Tom Bright** (20 W. Canal St., #105, Winooski, VT 05404) worked for Elizabeth Dodge's Secretary of State campaign in Vermont, while also training with First Investor's Corp. in Essex Junction. . . .**Johanna Glover** and **Jodie Silverman** are still enjoying Washington, D.C. Jodie helped Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) get re-elected; Johanna works for a PR firm. Johanna's new address: 711 E. St. S.E., #2, Washington, DC 20003. . . .Many '85ers are out there accomplishing great things. **Martha Reis** received a three-year fellowship from the Committee on Awards and Scholarships, New School, New York City. **Carolyn Cole** is serving in the Peace Corps in the Central African Republic. Her assignment is in pre-natal health. **Paul Jay Kaitz** has enrolled for the master of international management degree at the Thunderbird Campus of the American Graduate School of International Management in Arizona. . . .On to the marriage news. **Margaret Taylor Russell** married **Otto Gabriel Berkes** on August 9, 1986, in St. Louis. . . .**Nancy Graham Urner** married Howard Lester Thorburn, Jr., on August 24, 1986. **Debbie Payne** and **Debbie Tripp** were bridesmaids. . . .**Andrea Wallenberger** (211 W. Lanvale St., #2A, Baltimore, MD 21217) married Stephen Rudow on September 20, 1986. The Rudows honeymooned for two weeks in Italy and Austria where they 'did' Milan, Florence, Venice, Oraz, and Vienna. Andrea works in Washington for the U.S. Feed and Grains Council. The following news items are courtesy of Andrea: **Liz Thompson** is at Columbia University in N.Y.C. studying for a master's in international affairs. **Peter Hotvedt** is at the University of Rochester Med School. **Rachel Riemann** is studying ecology/biology at UNH. **Cece Pearson** is in biology and **Greg Sullivan** is in film, both in Palo Alto, Calif. Their latest venture was *The Peptide Movie*. (I kid you not!) **Mike Nealey** is working for a large department store in Salem, Mass. **Wes Carrington** is working for California Congressman Gene Chappe. **Noriko Akiyama** was the Middlebury Japanese School bilingual secretary last summer and is back in Japan now. Thanks to Andrea for her news. Keep in touch!

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Class Secretaries: *Suzanne Duncan, 235 E. 95th St., #14E, New York, NY 10128, and James H. Bromley, Jr., 200 E. 94th St., #317, New York, NY 10128.*

Homecoming felt like senior fall all over again—we must have had close to full attendance—but without a thesis looming overhead! . . .In Boston **Debbie Porter** is working at Shawmut as a credit analyst, having just emerged from her training program. . . .**Allan Jones** is working at the Bank of Boston in the real estate department. . . .**Jeanie Batal Varney** is also working at the Bank of Boston. . . .**Wendy Laird** will be leaving shortly for her first assignment with the Peace Corps. . . .Living in Boston, **Becky Spahr** is planning a spring wedding. . . .**John Briggs** works at the American Eagle in Portland, Maine. . . .**Steve Reilly** attends the Harvard Law School. He believes that if you could survive Murray Dry, Harvard Law will be a breeze! . . .**Dan Kahan** is also attending Harvard Law. . . .**Jenny Lawrence** is going to medical school at Dartmouth (she actually brought her books to Homecoming!). . . .**Peter Hall** is teaching French and Spanish at Harwich Senior High School. . . .Congratulations to the recently employed in New York! **Bill Huckins** landed a job with Marsh & McLennan, a large insurance firm. . . .**Lisa Hillner** is employed at Morgan Guaranty in their international department. . . .**Henry Persons** was hired into the analyst training program at Irving Trust. . . .**Lisa Eddy** just began working for Young & Rubicam, an advertising firm. . . .The unemployed are steadily becoming an extinct breed. **Tom Michaud** and **John Works** are working for Keefe, Bruyette and Woods which is actually an investment bank, not a law firm. . . .**Ed Eppler** is involved in a program with E.F. Hutton in which he will be able to obtain his MBA

The class of 1986 had not long been away from Middlebury when Suzanne Mitchell and Steven A. Shaver (both '86) were married in Mt. Kisco on July 5. Seated members of the wedding party—Sonia Krotkov '85, Lorraine Siciliano '85, the newlyweds, Jeannette Marshall '86, and Melanie Salisbury '86—are flanked by (standing) Heather Robbins '86, Hugh Montgomery '83, Andrew Spencer '87, Michael Garvey '87, R. Wesley Carrington '85, Donna Laquidara '87, Matt Bucy '86, Rhys Wyman '87, Nelda Clemmons, David Richardson '85, Ray Monteleone, Hong Campbell '85, Reid Appleby '86, Bob Peskin, and Barbara Curtis '86.

while training. . . .Chemical Bank wins the Most-People-Hired-From-Middlebury Award: Mike Boardman '85, Bill Weldon '85, **Steve Martus, Katie Carpenter**, etc. (I know we're forgetting a few.) . . .**John Hersperger** is in the city working in advertising. . . .**Phoebe Twichell** is attending the New York School of Design. . . .**Ron Palmeri** has begun to spread his resume across the city. . . .**Susan Kretschmar** is engaged to be married in New York. . . .**Shelly Rathbun** is working in New York for a publishing house. . . .**Krista Faxon** is teaching kindergarten in Stamford, Conn. . . .**Kathryn Cater** and **Brad Robins** are doing paralegal work in New York, becoming excellent proofreaders! . . .**Suzanne Duncan** and **Tara Scully** are involved in the Macy's training program. . . .**Andy Brickman** is working for Drexel Burnham Lambert as an analyst. . . .**Amanda Travers** is working at Christie's Auction House. . . .**Cory Zanin** is in the training program at the Chase Manhattan Bank. . . .**Jake Weber** is attending Juilliard. . . .**Elizabeth Needham**, who recently moved to New York, is working for Mosley Securities. . . .**Mary Sue Holland** just began an internship at a broadcasting firm in New York. . . .**Julie Lambert** has been feverishly marketing her theater talents, performing at various functions around the city. . . .**Maura Webber** is editing for a magazine. . . .Living in New Jersey, **Chris Cowan** is working for American Express. . . .**Dirk Jacobs** is at Brown Brothers, enjoying the training program. . . .**Kathy MacMillin** is teaching biology at Pomfret School in Connecticut. . . .**Betsy Thompson** and **Chris Langlois** are working at almost every establishment in Middlebury. . . .**Geoff Harlan, Ed Homer**, and **Erin Quinn** served on the football coaching staff last fall. . . .In the more exotic locations, **Jill Warren** is studying law in Colorado. . . .**Mark Nardella** is over in Europe. . . .**Bill Burden** is attending the University of Indiana to continue his study in music. . . .In Detroit, **Rob Rhame** is working for GM on the Saturn Project. . . .The following people have joined the armed forces: **Tim Carey, Erin Quinn, Todd Brophy, and Pete Barto** (although he suffered a twist of fate as he had to leave due to an eye problem). . . .**Adrienne Dougherty** is known to be across the seas, touring around Europe. . . .**Sarah Beck** is in London, working for a manager of Arrival Reservations. . . .**Jamie Orvis** (Club Med, P.O. Box N7137, Nassau, Bahamas) writes, "I'm on Paradise Island in the Bahamas with Club Med. I lead a water aerobics class every day in the ocean. Can you believe that—me exercise? But it's warm, I'm tan, and I'm in my element!"

MARRIAGES

Leslie J. Orton '77 and Thomas Mahar, September 6, 1986; 1173 N. Hoosac Road, Williamstown, MA 01267.

Jennifer Sullivan '78 and Allen Weaver, June 21, 1986; 147 West 79th St., #11C, New York, NY 10024.

Michael Waters and **Katrina Kassler** '78, August 31, 1986; P.O. Box 75196, Fairbanks, AK 99707.

Liza Storey '80 and James Brew, August 30, 1986; 98 Highview St., Westwood, MA 02090.

Nina Koules '82 and Arthur Anton (Harvard '81), October 19, 1986; 1 Derby Lane, Tyngsboro, MA 01879.

Susie Norsworthy '82 and Marshall Masko, summer 1986; 18520 County Road Six, Plymouth, MN 55447.

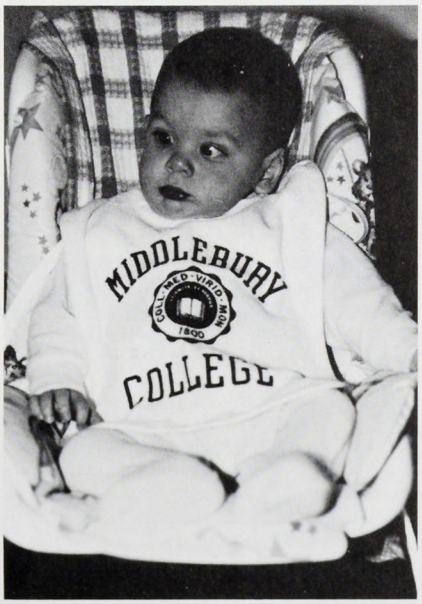
Elizabeth Sprague '83 and John Shields, October 4, 1986; 2744 N. Marmora, #2, Chicago, IL 60639.

Margaret Taylor Russell and **Otto Gabriel Berkes**, both '85, August 9, 1986; 303 E Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

Andrea Wallenberger '85 and Stephen Rudow, September 20, 1986; 211 W. Lanvale St., #2A, Baltimore, MD 21217.

Suzanne Mitchell and **Steven A. Shaver**, both '86, July 5, 1986; 6609 W. Bancroft, #16B, Toledo, OH 43615.

Our baby-of-the-issue is Marc Halliwell, born to Wayne '66 and Louise Halliwell in June, 1986.



NEW ARRIVALS

A son, Read Corbett Flusser, joined Martin and **Jane Corbett Flusser** '65 on September 8, 1986.

A daughter, Dorothy Emeline Tillinghast Allen, joined Susan and **Peter S. Allen** '66 on August 22, 1986.

A daughter, Emily Broderick, joined Maureen and **David Thompson** '66 on August 16, 1986.

A daughter, Charlotte Caughman Goodrich, joined **Susan Caughman** and **Gerry Goodrich**, both '68, on August 25, 1986.

A daughter, Lauren Melville, joined Bruce and **Susan Fritsch Faber** '71 on August 29, 1986.

A daughter, Ruth Sarah, joined Rachel and **Joel Levenberg** '72 on May 29, 1986.

A daughter, Catherine May, joined Susan and **Joseph McDonough** '72 on September 15, 1986.

A son, Matthew Alan Charles, joined Jane Shillito and **William Redway** '72 on May 28, 1985.

A daughter, Rebecca Page, joined Daniel and **Betsy Coquillard White** '72 on July 7, 1986.

A son, Eric, joined **Mary G. Kane** '74 and Vern Kerberger on November 21, 1985.

A son, Trevor Garrett, joined Gary and **Linda Bogatko Schaff** '74 on September 19, 1986.

A daughter, Sara Megan, joined **Marshall** and **Judith Perry Schwartz** '75 on September 7, 1986.

A son, Jeffrey, joined Chris and **Stewart Graham** '76 on May 3, 1986.

A son, Thomas Michael, joined Michael and **Erin McKiernan Halleran** '76 on October 9, 1986.

A son, Andrew, joined Joseph and **Audrey Marx Alonis** '77 in October 1986.

A daughter, Danyelle Aryn, joined Karen and **Brian Halpern** '77 on February 10, 1986.

A daughter, Kaitlin Cushman, joined Philip and **Susannah Maeder Hammersley** '77 on February 22, 1986.

A daughter, Abigail Clark, joined Cynthia and **Albert Hessberg III** '77 on March 11, 1986.

A son, Ethan, joined Peter and **Kim Reiland Landry** '77 on May 29, 1986.

A son, Geoffrey Bruce, joined Debi and **Duane Wilcox** '77 on October 25, 1986.

A daughter, Mattie Woodworth Ford, Joined **Duane** '78 and **Lori Woodworth Ford** '80 on February 12, 1986.

A son, Matthew Andrew, joined Deborah and **James Higgins** '79 on January 9, 1986.

A daughter, Erin, joined Beth and **Michael Miller** '79 in May 1986.

A son, Andrew, joined Jackie and **Noel Quinton** '79 on August 19, 1986.

A son, Nicholas, joined **Hal** '80 and **Pam Sperry Findlay** '78 on October 15,1986.

A son, James III, joined **Jim** '80 and **Sarah Van der Veer Ryan** '82 on October 1, 1986.

A son, Conor Whitfield, joined Kyle and **Deborah Varnum Tong** '83 on June 6, 1986.

The Schools

A daughter, Katherine Kerrigan Dix, joined **Claire Kerrigan** (M.A. Spanish '77) and **George Dix** (M.A. French '67, M.A. Spanish '79) on September 27, 1986.

A son, Matthew Welsy Leonard, joined Rodney and **Mary Frego Coates** (M.A. French '81) on November 9, 1986.

A son, Erik Daniel Ermer Russell, joined Eve Ermer and **Scott Russell** (M.A. French '84) on September 1, 1986.

THE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

Six days after graduation, **Ron Klaren** (M.A. '86) was offered a job by the Turkish government teaching writing and literature to Turks and Arabs at a university on Cyprus (Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, T.R. of North Cyprus Via Mersin 10, Turkey). "The university is trying to replace the now-defunct University of Beirut and provide a safe place for Arabs to send their kids," Ron reports. He expects to come back to Vermont next summer to work in stained glass before flying back to Cyprus. . . .After four years as language arts coordinator at Essex Town, **Cleland Selby** (M.A. '72) is the new principal of the Williamstown, Vt., Elementary School. It's just the kind of job he's been looking for, Selby says: "In Williamstown the definition of a principal is an educational leader, and that's what I feel I am." Wife Suzanne and their children, Tara, Toza and Troy, will join him in the summer. . . .**Chris Doty** ('86) accompanied **Maria Becker** ('86) and **Monika Hoffmann** ('86), exchange students from the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany, on part of their first tour of the eastern United States. "The American way of life appeals to me," said Maria, whereas Monika has some reservations. . .**Mary Ellen Minichiello** (M.A.'77), an English teacher at Jonathan Law High School in Milford, Conn., has been invited to join the Enrichment Program, teaching eighth graders literature three mornings a week.

FRENCH

Susan S. Cohen (M.A. '78), a senior training specialist at Crum & Forster Underwriters Group in Basking Ridge, N.J., has been named a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), the highest accreditation in the property insurance industry. To earn it, one must have a minimum three years exerience and pass a professional education program. . . .**Samuel I.A. Anderson** (M.A. '75) retired in June after 18 years on the faculty of Phillips Academy. He is now the United States chairman of the Second Century capital funds campaign of Ridley College in Ontario. . . .**Sister Julia M. McNamara** (M.A. '72), president of Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Conn., was the keynote speaker when the Waterbury, Conn. chapter of the American Red Cross held its annual meeting. . . .Camille and **Jeanne P. Goulet** (M.A. '71) live in Armonk, N.Y., where Jeanne has been promoted to director of excise, state, and local taxes at IBM. Jeanne has been with IBM since 1978. . .**Patricia Ann Moore** (M.A. '60) of Brookline, Mass., has been named developmental skills coordinator at Laboure College in Boston. Patricia's specialty is adult education. . . . **Ann Troy** (M.A. '83) of Portland, Maine, is a part-time French teacher at the Gray/New Gloucester High School. . . .The Rev. **Robert L. Keane**, S.J. (M.A. '72) is the new assistant chaplain at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass. Ordained a priest in 1978 at Holy Cross's St. Joseph's Chapel, Father Keane spent the last eight years in Texas on the faculties of the University of Dallas and Holy Trinity Seminary. . . .School Year Abroad, headquartered on the Andover campus of Phillips Academy, has announced the appointment of **Woodruff W. Halsey II** (M.A. '72) as new director of the program. He has spent the last six years in Rennes as resident director of SYA's France program. SYA sent 107 11th- and 12th-graders to France and Spain last year to live with host families and take classes in SYA classrooms.

Where do you send your notes?

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GERMAN

Paul Jagasich (M.A. '83), Hampton-Sydney College professor of German and Russian, and water polo coach, is working toward his 18th academic degree (Doctor of Modern Languages at Middlebury). He also swims four miles a day in preparation for his next challenge: he plans to swim the English Channel in August 1988! He'll practice by swimming around Manhattan Island. . .Completing 25 years at Millersville University, **C. Richard Beam** (M.A. '57) has been promoted to full professor of German and appointed the director of their Center of Pennsylvania-German Studies. . . .The Twin Cities office of the International Language Villages of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., welcomed **Steve Nathe** (M.A. '86) to its staff as an admissions representative.

RUSSIAN

Lt. Col. **Denis Dirscherl** (M.A. '68), an Air Force Reserve chaplain, Jesuit priest, and Russian scholar, has published a book, *Dostoevsky and the Catholic Church*, a study in religious conflict. (See "Bookshelf" on page 71.)

SPANISH

Having obtained her Ph.D. in Spanish linguistics from the University of New Mexico, **Elaine Van Stichel** (M.A. '72) is now a professor of Spanish Linguistics at San Diego State University. . . .New to the Spanish faculty of the Episcopal Academy of Merion, Pa., is **Rogene Austell** (M.A. '73). She moves from South Kent School. . .**August Puleo** (M.A. '85) has accepted a position teaching Spanish at the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia. . . .**Eustasio Fernandez** (M.A '50), professor of modern languages, retires this summer after 40 years of teaching—36 at the University of Tampa, where he was chairman of the department of modern languages for 25 years.

OBITUARIES

1919 THE REV. LEON M. ADKINS, 90, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on October 11, 1986. Dr. Adkins came to Middlebury from the high school in Ticonderoga, N.Y. In college, "Stretch," as he was known to classmates and friends, was a member of the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. During World War I, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He then went on to the Boston University School of Theology, from which he earned an S.T.B. in 1925. He was ordained that same year. Dr. Adkins was pastor of the Delmar, N.Y., Methodist Church from 1927 to 1937; of the Schenectady, N.Y., First Methodist Church from 1937 to 1950, and of the University Methodist Church in Syracuse, N.Y., from 1950 to 1955. He then served as general secretary of the board of education of the Troy Conference from 1955 to 1966, when he retired. He was a member of the 1964 Methodist Hymnal Committee and composed the hymn, "Go, Make of All Disciples." Dr. Adkins served the Class of 1919 as reunion chairman and class secretary for many years. He was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Middlebury in 1945. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Haseltine Adkins '16; a daughter, Rachel Adkins Platt '49 of Rochester, N.Y.; two sons, Donald B. Adkins of Schenectady, N.Y., and the Rev. Leon M. Adkins Jr. '49 of Albany, N.Y.; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Alumni survivors include his daughter-in-law, Mary Hemeon Adkins '49, and three grandchildren, Holly Platt Hubregsen '78, John Platt '80 and Rachel Adkins '81.

1919 DOROTHY NASH BRAILEY, 88, of Barnard, Vt., on October 22, 1986. Graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster, Mass., she was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority at Middlebury. After teaching at Essex, Vt., High School for a year, she married Earle Brailey. They lived in Webster until 1929, when they moved to Cleveland, Ohio. In 1956, they moved to Barnard, Vt. Mr. Brailey passed away in 1974. Dorothy Brailey was a member of the Bethany United Church of Christ in Randolph, and was active in the YWCA, the Camp Fire Girls, and church groups. From 1956 to 1960, she was president of Middlebury's Alumnae Association. For the Class of 1919, she was a reunion chairperson and class secretary. In 1960, she was awarded Middlebury's Alumnae Plaque for service to the College. She is survived by two daughters, Constance Ackroyd of San Diego, Calif., and Barbara Brailey Abbott '52 of Cleveland, Ohio; a son, Dr. Richard Brailey of Boone, N.C.; four grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

1920 ALAN W. FURBER, 88, of Deerfield, N.H., on October 22, 1986. He came to Middlebury from Dorchester, Mass., High School, and belonged to the Delta Upsilon fraternity. He served briefly in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant during World War I. A teacher and a principal in central Massachusetts schools, Mr. Furber married Edith Bixby in 1923. From 1929 to 1942, he was president of Boston's Chandler Secretarial School, then he served during Word War II as the regional executive officer of the Office of Price Administration in Boston. He became president of the School of Practical Art in Boston. In 1951 he moved to Deerfield, N.H., where he served as the northern New England representative of Wentworth Institute. He retired in 1976. Mr. Furber served as president of many civic and professional organizations. He is survived by three sons, Alan W. Furber '50 of Dallas, Texas, Edward B. Furber '51 of Bow, N.H., and Lincoln M. Furber '53 of Washington, D.C.; seven grandchildren, including Thomas Furber '83, Edith Furber '85, Winslow Furber '85, and Sarah Furber '89. Other alumni survivors include a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Loemker Furber '52, and a nephew, Tracy Perry '60.

1925 MERRICK W. CHAPIN, JR., 81, of Contoocook, N.H., and Cocoa Beach, Fla., on September 25, 1986, after a long illness. He prepared for

Middlebury at Hartford (Conn.) High School. "Chape" was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi and Tau Kappa Alpha. His activities ranged from the academic to debating, track and football. He was a member of the famous Middlebury football team that tied Harvard 6 to 6 in 1923 and caused "Prexy" Moody to bring forth Gamaliel Painter's cane on the steps of Old Chapel. After graduation, he worked for Dennison Manufacturing Company and later for many years for Nashua Coproration. He was a longtime member of various Masonic bodies and was active in the Episcopal Church and many community organizations. "Chape" was also active in alumni affairs. In 1985 he completed a long term as our class secretary. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dorothea; a daughter, Eleanor Chapin Cousins '54; a son, William; and five grandchildren, including Julie Chapin '88. *—Ernest M. Adams '26*

1926 ESTHER FRANC MONTGOMERY STRONG, 79, of Englewood, N.J., on February 28, 1984. She was born in North Adams, Mass., preparing for college at Drury High School there. At Middlebury Esther was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, sang in the Glee Club, and belonged to the Dramatic Club. After graduating from Middlebury, she taught high school in Williamstown, Mass., Ridgefield, N.J., and Fort Lee, N.J. Esther married Carl Barker Strong '26 in 1927. She studied at Columbia Teachers College and was later clerk and office manager of the East Bergen Teachers Federal Credit Union in Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Her husband predeceased her. To their sons, Paul and Donn, and to their families, the Class of '26 belatedly extends deepest sympathy.

—Elizabeth Goodale Murray '26

1927 LOU THOMPSON WALKER, 80, of Middlebury, Vt., on November 28, 1986. The daughter of Dr. Ralph W. Thompson '03, she grew up in Cornwall, N.Y. She was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. She studied library science at SUNY/Albany and Syracuse University, and worked briefly for schools in Fleischmanns, N.Y., and Port Jefferson, N.Y. She married John B. Walker '28 in 1931 and moved to Staten Island, where she worked for the New York Public Library System as head librarian. Upon retirement in 1970, they moved to Middlebury. Both her husband and her brother, Keith S. Thompson '26, passed away in 1982. Mrs. Walker was a dedicated volunteer on behalf of the College. She is survived by two sons, Robert of Putnam Valley, N.Y., and Harry of Pittsford, N.Y.; one daughter, Lois T. Long of Staten Island, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Mouson of Ann Arbor, Mich.

1927 COURTLAND G. WHITNEY, 82, of Yucaipa, Calif., on February 26, 1986. "Slick" Whitney prepared for Middlebury at Norwich (Conn.) Free Academy. In college, he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity and Waubanakee, played baseball and football, and was president of the "M" Club his senior year. He also participated in the 1923 football contest that saw Middlebury play Harvard to a 6-6 tie. Mr. Whitney returned to his prep school alma mater as a teacher and coach, remaining there until 1940. He then joined the staff of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, for which he was a district representative and unit supervisor. He was a volunteer for many civic, church and charitable organizations and, in the late 1940s, served as president of the Connecticut district of Middlebury's alumni association. Survivors include his wife, Dixie Whitney, and, from an earlier marriage to Cleone Comings Whitney '27 of Norwich, Conn., two daughters, Cynthia and Carolyn.

1929 GORDON LOCKWOOD DOUGLAS, 79, of Dunedin, Fla., on November 21, 1986. He prepared for Middlebury at Flushing (N.Y.) High School. At Middlebury he was a member of Chi Psi, a golfer, and always known for his contagious smile. He retired from the New York Telephone Company in 1970. Mr. Douglas served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 23 years, and he was on active duty during World War II. He was faithful to Middlebury, contributing annually and attending all of our reunions. He looked forward to being with us all in '89. He is survived by his wife, Margaret J., three children and seven grandchildren. To each of them, the class of '29 extends its deepest sympathy. *—J. Malcolm Williams '29*

1929 HELEN HAASE LLOYD, 79, of Cromwell, Conn., on November 8, 1986. She came to Middlebury from Terryville (Conn.) High School. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She taught at Bay Shore (N.Y.) High School. Then, for six years, she was a service representative for the New York Telephone Company. During this time, she met and married G. Harold Lloyd. They moved to Hamden, Conn., in 1935, and resided there until 1982. They raised two daughters, Marcia (Mrs. Francis) Langston of Westboro, Mass., and Jennifer (Mrs. Glenn) Rogers of Andover, Mass. Mrs. Lloyd was a member of the Church of the Redeemer in New Haven, Conn. She served on the board of directors of the Hamden Visiting Nurse Association for many years, and was president of Hamden's Philanthropic Educational Organization. Before retirement, she was active in real estate. Mrs. Lloyd is survived by her husband, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

1929 LEONARD D. RICCIO, 79, on October 10, 1986, in Manchester, N.H. His wife, the former Helen N. Coldwell, predeceased him after they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Helen, a Wellesley graduate, earned her M.A. at Middlebury. Len was a member of Kappa Delta Rho and participated in the Glee Club, band, Dramatic Club, and orchestra. His particular interest was golf. He recently donated the Annual Rotating Trophy for the Gordon Perine Open, Middlebury's annual alumni golf tournament. He held positions of leadership in many organizations, including the New Hampshire Society of C.P.A.s, National Association of Accountants (N.H. chapter), Exchange Club of Manchester, N.H. Board of Accountancy, American Red Cross (N.H. chapter), Manchester Chamber of Commerce, N.H./Vt. Shrine Football Game, board of trustees of Y.W.C.A., Manchester. He was recently presented with a Gold Masonic Emblem representing 50 years as a member of the Union Lodge, F. & A.M., Middlebury, and was a long-time member of Bektash Temple of the Shrine of North America. He was a regular attendant at Middlebury reunions, Alumni College, development seminars and Homecoming. Len will be missed. Surviving are sons David '59 (of Kent, Ohio), Richard (of Hudson, N.Y.), and Robert '69 (of Woodstock, Vt.); seven grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers, Daniel '32 and Albert '38. Other alumni survivors are a cousin, Alfred '38, a daughter-in-law, Darsie Phelps Riccio '69; and many nieces and nephews.

—J. Malcolm Williams '29

1929 DORIS COLLINS WEDEMAN WOLF, 79, of Allendale, N.J., on August 28, 1986. Born in Northfield, Vt., "Eddie," as she was known to her classmates, prepared for college at Ridgewood (N.J.) High School. At Middlebury she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, on the board of the Blue Baboon publication, active in the Dramatic Club, Wig and Pen, and Play Committee. Upon graduation she had merchandising experience at R.H. Macy's in New York City and she was assistant buyer in the millinery department at L. Bamberger's in New Jersey. She married Erwin Wedemann (University of Pennsylvania '34). They made their home in Ridgewood, N.J., where she was active in the College Club of New Jersey and served on the board of directors of the Wedemann Godknecht law firm. A world traveler, Doris was interested in painting and fine arts. After the death of Erwin, she was married to Paul Wolf. The Class of 1929 extends sincere sympathy to her three children, Virginia Wedemann Wood '57, Elizabeth Ann Wedemann Beckwith, and Peter John Wedeman, and to her granddaughter, Allison Beckwith '87.

—Frances Foley Kelly '29

1932 MARY BIRRELL PRIOR, 75, of Hamden, Conn., on November 4, 1986. Mary came to Middlebury from Central High School, Syracuse, N.Y., in the fall of 1928 and spent two years as a member of the class of 1932. She lived at Weybridge House, rooming her freshman year with Ann Coleman Collins and sophomore year with Betty Brown Hearne. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Her friends remember her as a lively, fun-loving girl, a good companion. Soon after she left Middlebury, she was married to Roy Davenport '31. Their marriage ended in divorce. Later, she married Russell Prior. Mary sent little information for the 50th Reunion Book, except that she had lived in the Hamden area since 1944, and that her husband had died in 1951. *—Evelyn Clement Green '32*

1933 WILLIAM SCHOBER WEIER, 75, of Ivoryton, Conn., on September 20, 1986. Bill prepared for college at East Orange, N.J., High School. At Middlebury he was editor-in-chief of the 1933 *Kaleidoscope*, manager of the varsity debating team, winner in the Merrill Prize speaking contest, and member of the economics club. He was also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, of Pi Delta Epsilon (national honorary journalism fraternity), and of Tau Kappa Alpha (national honorary debating fraternity). Upon graduation he worked as a reporter for the *New York Evening Post*, and in 1935 joined the Prudential Insurance Company, eventually becoming director of public relations and advertising for the eastern home office. He married Dorothy Cave in 1936. Retiring from Prudential in 1975, Bill shortly thereafter retired from teaching evening classes in marketing at the Newark branch of Rutgers University. The Weiers then moved to Ivoryton, Conn., where they became active in community affairs. He was also active in alumni affairs, serving as director of the Alumni Association, and as 1933 class secretary from 1978 to 1983, sharing responsibility for our 50th reunion. He is survived by wife Dorothy; son Grant '62, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Fletcher, Vt., and son Stuart, of Cohasset, Mass.; a sister, and two grandchildren. To each of these the Class of 1933 extends its deepest sympathy. *—Phil Carpenter '33*

1936 WILLIAM FINIGAN, 81, of Coronado, Calif., on June 14, 1986. At Middlebury, Bill was a class treasurer, a member of the Liberal Club, and a member of the freshman cross country team. He had been eagerly anticipating our 50th Reunion during the final weeks of his life. His class reunion summary supplies evidence of his outstanding career with National Cash Register which began in Albany, N.Y., in 1936, and continued for many years in

Dayton, Ohio. He held membership on the American Marketing Association Advisory Committee for 12 years; on the Fourth Federal Reserve Bank's Council of Business Economists for 18 years; and on a conference board's Council of Marketing Research Directors for 13 years. Even in retirement he was active as a consultant to N.C.R.'s legal department. The Finigans were very active in community affairs—Bill with the Dayton United Appeal and wife Ginny (Condon) with the Council of World Affairs. Ginny has recently been serving as a docent for the San Diego Museum of Art. Bill is also survived by a son, Michael, who teaches at the University of Willamette in Salem, Oregon. Bill will be remembered by the Class of '36, happily looking through Middlebury mementos during some of his final days. Ginny reports that he "treasured Middlebury College for its great memories and its many friendships."

—Angus Brooks '36

1937 PAUL ALBERT MYERS, 73, of Mobile, Ala., on September 13, 1986. Paul came to Middlebury from Flushing (N.Y.) High School. At Middlebury he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity, and he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his senior year. He was on the *Campus* news staff, sang in the chapel choir and the Glee Club, and was president of the Spanish Club. Following graduation, Paul worked for R.H. Macy and then the Commercial Investment Trust Company, both in N.Y.C. During his four-year WWII tour of duty he (in his own words) "went in at Normandy, hassled across France, got shot up real good and captured just short of the Rhine." After a few years as a civilian, he went back into uniform at the start of the Korean War and finally retired from the Army in 1965 as a lieutenant colonel, settling in his wife's hometown of Mobile, Ala. He spent his last years in a public relations post for the Hooper-Holmes Bureau, and as maritime investigator for Pillans, Reams law firm in Mobile. He leaves his wife, Martha, and two daughters, Mary Winston and Anne Sloop.

—Randall W. Hoffmann '37

1938 FRANCES RUSSELL KIRK, 69, of Redington Shores, Fla., on July 28, 1986. Mrs. Kirk came to Middlebury from Nott Terrace High School in Schnectady, N.Y. Active in the Women's Forum and the English Club, Mrs. Kirk graduated with honors in English. She then pursued an M.L.S. from SUNY/Albany, while teaching in Schenectady, Red Hook, and Woodmere, N.Y. She then worked for the New York Public Library, first as serials acquisition librarian and later as head of genealogy and heraldry. Mrs. Kirk then spent many years as supervisor of libraries for the Lawrence, N.Y., public school system. Mrs. Kirk's first husband, Emmanuel Berg, died in 1968. In 1971, she married Robert G. Kirk, Sr., who also predeceased her. She is survived by two daughters, Riva and Merril, and by two stepsons, Robert Jr. and Thomas.

1940 EDWARD LINDSAY NEWCOMB, 62, on June 24, 1986, while traveling in Kenya, Nairobi. Ed graduated from Manchester-by-the-Sea High School, Mass. While at Middlebury, he was manager of the varsity hockey team, and a member of DKE. After World War II, in which he served with the Army Air Corps, he attended Cornell University, earning his doctorate in geology in 1949. He took a position with the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington, D.C., in 1951. He then went to Denver, Colo., with the Atomic Energy Commission, later returning to the Washington area to work for the Internal Revenue Service as a mining and oil tax specialist. Before his recent retirement, Ed's final government assignment was with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, of Bethesda, Md.; his son, Dwight, of Arlington, Va.; his daughter, the Rev. Blair D. Newcomb, of Mercer Island, Wash.; his mother, Elsie K. Janes, of Waltham, Mass.; and a brother and sister.

—James A. Cornwall '40

1941 JOHN FRANCIS HOGAN, 70, of cancer on September 27, 1986, at Delaware County Hospital near Philadelphia and his home at Bala Cynwyd, Pa. He was born in Stamford, Conn., and prepared for college at Stamford High School. At Middlebury he was a member of Chi Psi, majored in history, was on the *Saxonian* staff, played baseball and hockey and, in his senior year, was manager of varsity football. During World War II John served as a captain of field artillery in the U.S. Army. His subsequent business career was in sales with Schick, Inc., and later with Ebeling and Reuss Company. Of Johnny's devotion to Middlebury, John Hicks wrote, "I think many of his classmates will remember him for his generosity and loyal friendship, his ready talk, his humor and kindness. . .. He was deeply attached to Middlebury College." A permanent exhibit of sports sketches he did for the *Saxonian* was recently dedicated at the Memorial Field House. John Hogan is survived by his wife, Josephine (109 Birch Ave., Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004); a daughter, Pat; a son, Tom; and a brother.

—Les Ingalls '41

1941 JOHN W. VAN TUYL, 67, of Arlington, Va., on September 13, 1986. He received a bachelor's degree in French from Middlebury and was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. After serving as lieutenant in the Navy during World War II, he began his career as finance officer for the Veteran's Administration in Canandaigua and Buffalo, N.Y., and then in Washington, D.C. He joined the International Cooperation Administration (now Agency for International Development) in 1958 as systems accountant, a position which enabled him to travel and work abroad. From 1963 to 1965, he and his family lived in Ankara, Turkey, while he served in the controller's office of the USAID mission there. Back in Washington, he continued to work for AID, including tours of duty to Uganda and El Salvador, until his retirement in 1974. His fascination with foreign cultures was passed down to and shared by his entire family. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Arlington; his son, Alan, of Marietta, Ga.; two daughters, Patricia, of Atlanta, and JoAnne '75, of Chapel Hill, N.C.; his father, Otto, and brother, Roderick, of Greenport, L.I., N.Y.; and two granddaughters.

—JoAnne Van Tuyl '75

1942 ROGER W. HOWARD, 66, of Rockport, Mass., in the fall of 1984. Mr. Howard prepared for Middlebury at the Rivers School in Brookline and at Kimball Union Academy. Although he only attended college for two years, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He later studied at the University of West Virginia.

1942 LOIS SCHNEIDER BEACH, 65, of Newington, Conn., on November 6, 1986, at the University of Connecticut Health Center after a brief illness. Lois was a Newington resident for the last 17 years. She was a teacher and certified librarian at several Connecticut school systems and later librarian for the Lucy Robbins Welles Library in Newington. She graduated from Crosby High School in Waterbury as a member of the National Honor Society. While in college she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority and active in campus activities. She participated in the Junior League of Waterbury while a city resident. She is survived by her husband, Charles '42; two sons, Charles, Jr., of Sanger, Calif., and Jeffrey '72, of Marlborough, Mass.; a sister, Ruth Schneider Upson '37, of Middlebury, Conn.; three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

—Charles S. Beach '42

1948 ELIZABETH ORDWAY BOWMAN, 58, of St. Charles, Ill., in July, 1986. "Polly" Ordway came to Middlebury from Newton Center, Mass. In college, she majored in English, was active in the Mountain Club, and was on the staff of *The Campus*. After graduation, she worked at Harvard University for several years. In 1955, she married Walker H. Bowman III. They raised three sons, Walker, Warren and Willis. Mrs. Bowman was active in the League of Women Voters and her local Y.W.C.A. She also volunteered on behalf of Middlebury's admissions efforts in the Chicago area.

1950 BAILEY GOODELL, 65, of Springfield, Vt., on May 12, 1985, after a long illness. At Middlebury, he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho, competed on the basketball, baseball, and cross-country teams, and was captain of the ski team. Originally a member of the Class of '42, Mr. Goodell's college career was interrupted by service in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He leaves his wife, Margaret; three children, Sharon Krause of Mechanicsville, Va., Judith Stewart of Stowe, Vt., and Peter Goodell of Milford, N.H.; four grandchildren, and a brother, David Goodell '40 of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

1951 ROBERT F. HUGHES, 56, of Philadelphia, Pa., on May 31, 1986, of a heart attack. Mr. Hughes came to Middlebury from Leonia, N.J. A math and physics major in college, he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, played lacrosse all four years, and was on the football team his sophomore and junior years. After spending three years at Harvard's graduate program in astronomy, Mr. Hughes became a research physicist with General Electric's Space Sciences Lab in Philadelphia. After many years there, he worked for Fidelity Bank in computer programming. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Barbara Hughes; a daughter, Ellen H. Hardt; a son, Kevin Hughes; and a grandson.

1954 JAMES K. MERWIN, of Barrington, Ill., in February 1985. Mr. Merwin came to Middlebury from Montreal, Quebec. He majored in biology and chemistry and was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. Mr. Merwin pursued a career in the chemical industry after graduation, working for Allied Chemical Corp. in North Carolina and New Jersey, and AMSCO, a division of Union Oil Company, in Illinois. Mr. Merwin was an avid golfer. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Davey Merwin '57; and by three sons, James Jr., Stephen and David.

1954 BARBARA ANN FITZGERALD VALUE, 54, of Warren, R.I., on September 16, 1986. A granddaughter of former Boston mayor John F. "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald and a niece of Rose Kennedy, Mrs. Value attended Elmhurst Academy in Providence, R.I. At Middlebury, she majored in fine arts, and was active with the literary magazine, *Frontiers*. Within a year of graduation, she was married to John Value '55. Mrs. Value was co-author of the 1975 book *Moe Berg: Athlete, Scholar, Spy*, and was a columnist for the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* and the *Warren Times-Gazette*. She also served briefly as class secretary for the Class of 1954. Mrs. Value's husband and oldest son predeceased her. She is survived by a son, Benjamin Value of Chica-

go; a daughter, Felicia Value of Portland, Ore.; two brothers, Thomas A. Fitzgerald of Denver, Colo., and John F. Fitzgerald of Boston, Mass.; and a sister, Marian Mullen of Milton, Mass.

1957 MICHAEL E. WERMAN, of Newton, Mass., on February 21, 1986. He came to Middlebury from Brookline, Mass. In college, Mr. Werman majored in drama and was active in Players and Wig & Pen. He was a member of Zeta Psi. A Navy veteran, Mr. Werman worked in insurance and real estate, and did landscape design. He was an avid horticulturist. He was married to the former Jeannette Kelz, who survives him. Other survivors include a son, Stuart Werman of New Jersey; two daughters, Joanna Werman of New York and Abby Werman of Newton; and a sister, Shari Werman Michals of Waltham, Mass.

1974 GEORGE U. NELSON, III, 33, of Lutsen, Minn., on October 21, 1986. "Nibs" Nelson attended Cook County High School in Grand Marais, Minn. A dean's list student all four years at Middlebury, he majored in economics and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He was an active participant in Student Forum, and was involved in the Mountain Club, the Folk Dance Group, and volunteered at the Brandon Training School. He earned his J.D. with honors from Yale Law School in 1979. Mr. Nelson then moved to Milwaukee, Wisc., where he joined the law firm of Foley and Lardner. In 1983 he became involved with his family's resort business in Lutsen, Minn., where he continued until his death. Mr. Nelson had many interests, including music, art and outdoor sports. He enjoyed nature, especially the shoreline of Lake Superior. Mr. Nelson is survived by his parents, Patti and George Nelson, Jr.; four sisters, Rebecca Houis, Traci Hespe, Terri deNatale, and Cindy Nelson; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson, Sr., and Mrs. Tom Eckel, Sr.

THE SCHOOLS

1942 THERESA RACICOT WALPOLE (M.A. French), 74, of Webster, Mass., October 12, 1986, after a long illness. Mrs. Walpole taught Latin and French for many years at Northampton High School and at John F. Kennedy Junior High School, retiring in 1971. She was the widow of Leonard Walpole, who died in 1971. Her memberships included the Ladies of St. Anne of Sacred Heart parish, the National Retired Teachers Association, the Mohegan chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, and the Hubbard Regional Hospital Guild. She graduated from Bartlett High School and Worcester State College. She leaves two brothers, Edgard J. Racicot of Deerfield Beach, Fla., and T. Peter Racicot of Candia, N.H.; four sisters, Alice Arseneault, Aldea Racicot, and Beatrice Piche, all of Webster, and Dorothy Des Ormiers of East Hartford, Conn.

1947 A. WAYNE ROSS, JR. (M.A. French), 70, of South Orleans, Mass., on September 5, 1986, after a brief illness. He had been a resident of South Orleans since 1979. He was a 1938 graduate of Colby College in Waterville, Maine, and he became a teacher in Maine. Returning to his career after WWII service, from 1945 to 1979 he taught French at Stapels High School in Westport, Conn. Mr. Ross was the husband of Doris G. (Reynolds) Ross, who died in 1983. A member of the Federated Chruch of Orleans, he was an active supporter of the Cape Cod Baseball League. He is survived by two sons, Arthur W. Ross III of South Burlington, Vt., and Robert H. Ross of Westport, Conn.; one daughter, Wendy B. Ross of South Orleans; two sisters, Harriet Frankel of Paris, France, and Clara Mills of Greenwich, Conn.; and two grandchildren.

1951 GEORGE BURLEIGH (M.A. English), 69, of Marina del Rey, Calif., on October 15, 1986. He had lived in Kensington, Conn., for 30 years, before moving to California ten years ago. Mr. Burleigh graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1936 and received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College in 1940. With the exception of his World War II military service, he taught English at Plainville High School from 1941 to retirement in June 1972. Mr. Burleigh was active with the New Britain Repertory Theater and was a fourth degree knight at the Thomas Greylish Council of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of St. Paul's Church in Kensington. He leaves his wife, Mary Jane (Mulherrin) Burleigh; two sons, George A. "Jock" Burleigh, Jr., of Houston, Texas, and William Burleigh of Bedford, N.H.; a brother, John R. "Jack" Burleigh of New York City; and three grandchildren.

1968 ROBERT CURTIS PARKER (M.A. English), 48, of Troy, N.Y., on September 15, 1986, after a long illness. He was the principal of the Emma Willard School in Troy. Mr. Parker graduated from Groton School in Groton, Mass., and he received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His life-long teaching career began at the Brooks School in North Andover, Mass., where he taught English and coached the varsity soccer and crew teams from 1961 to 1964. From 1964 to 1979, he taught at Groton School where he served as chairman of the English department, coached varsity crew, and taught in the Lowell-Groton Upward Bound Program. Mr. Parker went to the Emma Willard School in 1979. A longtime summer resident of Bristol, N.H., he was a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and the Newfound Lake Association. He leaves his parents, John A. and Jane (Curtis) Parker of Chapel Hill, N.C.; his wife, Mary (Drexler) Parker of Troy; two daughters, Zoe Wells Parker of Troy and Elizabeth Curtis Parker of Ithaca, N.Y.; and a brother, John C. Parker, of Chapel Hill.

1972 SUZANNE URBAN-STERN (M.A. French), 38, of New York City, on September 21, 1986, after a fall from a stalled elevator. She was executive director of public relations for Chanel, Inc., the fashion, fragrance, and cosmetic house. Mrs. Urban-Stern was a 1966 graduate of Woodbridge High School and received her bachelor of arts degree in economics and French literature from Northwestern University. She joined Chanel in 1977. She had previously worked for Peter Martin Associates and Bell & Stanton, Inc., public relations agencies where she was an account executive. Mrs. Urban-Stern is survived by her husband, Sheldon Stern of Manhattan; her parents, Peter and Helen Urban of Woodbridge; and a sister, Maryann Urban of Philadelphia.

1977 GAIL SHAPIRO MANKETO KMETZ (Writers' Conference Fellow, 1977), 49, of Tenafly, N.J., August 3, 1986. Mrs. Kmetz, who used the pen name Gail Kessler, began writing professionally in 1973. She contributed articles to *Cosmopolitan, Ms., Woman's Day, Glamour*, and *Seventeen*. She also contributed pieces on literature to *Massachusetts Studies in English, Blake Studies*, and *Educational Projections*. She had taught at William Paterson College, Bergen Community College, Paramus Catholic High School, and the Dwight Englewood School. She was graduated in 1960 from Bard College. She earned her doctorate in English from Columbia University. In 1985 she earned a master's of social work from New York University.

THE STAFF

M. DAVENPORT 'DAVID' BIRDSALL, 93, at his home in Middlebury, November 14, 1986. A native of Mineola, N.Y., he moved to Middlebury in 1958, serving as purchasing agent and later assistant business manager at Middlebury College until 1964. He had earlier been the purchasing agent of Northfield-Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts for 30 years. He is survived by three children—Robert of Wayne, Mich.; Richard of New London, Conn.; Mrs. Fred Day of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.—and seven grandchildren.

DAVID BEAL MOREY, 96, a resident of Martha's Vineyard since 1914, on January 4, 1986. He graduated from Malden High School in 1909, the year in which he struck out 25 men in a varsity baseball game. In 1913 he was signed to a professional baseball contract by Philadelphia Athletics manager Connie Mack, but played only one year. Graduating from Dartmouth in 1913, his coaching career included Fordham University, Middlebury (from 1921 to 1924), Bates College, Auburn (Ala.) University, and Lowell Technological Institute, from which he retired in 1960. On his 91st birthday he was awarded the National Football Foundation Distinguished American Award.

WERNER NEUSE, 87, on December 15, 1986, at St. Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J., after four months of illness. Born in Iserlohn, Germany, August 24, 1899, he came to the United States in 1925. He attended the University of Wisconsin for two years, New York University for one year, and received his doctorate in philosophy at the University of Giessen in 1930. His first wife, the former Eloise Franke, predeceased him in 1962. In 1965 he married Erna Neuse, who survives him along with his four children: Helga Whitcomb of Normal, Ill., Ingrid Ambrus of Marina, Calif., Karl Neuse of Middlebury, and Margaret Neuse of Washington, D.C. There are six grandchildren. Dr. Neuse joined the faculty of Middlebury College in 1932 as associate professor of German and dean of the German Summer School. In 1942 he was appointed professor of German and in 1949 became the director of the German Summer School. The author of several books and German textbooks, he contributed to many professional journals. He was president of the American Association of Teachers of German for three years; he was editor-in-chief of *The German Quarterly* for five years. He was instrumental in the founding of the Middlebury Graduate School of German in Mainz, Germany. Among the many honors bestowed upon him, the West German government awarded him the Cross of Merit of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1961, he was made honorary Burgess by the Johannes Gutenberg University at Mainz in 1961; and he received the Goethe Medal in Silver from the Goethe Institute in Munich.

TUNIS S. WILLIAMSON, 70, in an automobile accident in New Haven, Vt., July 12, 1986. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on April 22, 1916, he graduated from Rutgers University in 1939 and received his master's degree in education from New York University. For 35 years he was a chemist for Oakite Production, Inc., until his retirement in 1974 when he moved to New Haven. He was employed at Middlebury College in the science department until 1985.

A new alumni directory

Late this year, a new directory—compiled, produced, and sold by Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc, of White Plains, N.Y.—will be available for all Middlebury College undergraduate alumni.

This spring alumni will receive a brief questionnaire asking for updated information, and a follow-up request will go out one month later. A prompt return of these questionnaires will assure that your listing in the directory is current and complete.

Then, in late August, alumni will get telephone calls from Harris Publishing Company to verify the information in your listing. At this time, you'll be asked whether you wish to purchase a copy of the directory. Alumni with current addresses who do not respond to the questionnaire and are not reached by telephone will be listed in the directory with information provided by Middlebury College alumni records.

Watch for your questionnaire, and return it promptly!

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13-cow herd, of which only five are milked). He gets most of his winter feed from grass silage grown on the farm, avoids pesticides in the commercial grain his cows do get, and uses no additives. Twice a week, he delivers 100 gallons of the non-homogenized, lightly pasteurized milk to central Vermont health-food stores and other small outlets. "I know my consumers," he told the Barre *Times Argus*, "and not many dairy farmers can say that."

Why sauerkraut? It's simple to make (basically, all that's needed are cabbage, salt, and time); it fits in with his dairy schedule; and cabbage is, Young notes, "a product that can be grown reliably in northern New England." Once it's been packaged (friends join Young and some hired hands for a canning party), most goes to an East Coast food distributor, although some is sold closer to home.

And, yes, Young is looking to expand. Next year, he hopes to double his sauerkraut output, and, "in a year or two," he'd like to be milking ten cows.

Keeping the farm on the farmland

In 1985 Clark Hinsdale III '78 learned that 1,200 acres of valley farmland near his family's farmhouse in Charlotte, Vermont, was up for sale, advertised as prime development property.

That worried Hinsdale, a part-time lobbyist for the Vermont Farm Bureau and himself a farmer, because, he says, the acreage is also prime farming land: "If it weren't for the mountains, you'd think you were in the Midwest," he told the *Burlington Free Press*. "There aren't valleys like this left in Chittenden County. They've all been developed."

A similar fate seemed in store for the Charlotte valley, so near to the growing reach of Burlington, Vermont's largest city. But Hinsdale had an alternative: with help from his father, he got a loan and bought 600 acres—and he planned a development.

It's a development, however, that saves the huge meadow, placing houses on the land least suitable for farming: one 10-lot subdivision will be set among the trees and hedgerows on the meadow's northern border; another group of ten lots will climb the slopes at the meadow's edge. The lots' buyers will be restricted from further subdivision, and development rights may eventually be deeded to a land trust.

Hinsdale, who expects that selling the lots will reduce his $500,000 investment enough to let him keep farming the rest of the land, hopes that others will follow—or at least support—his example. If not, he warns, "Farming in Vermont is going to become a museum piece."

Bookshelf

Bernice Claire McCollum M.A. Spanish '31. *Mosaic of Poems: Here and There, Then and Now* (The Golden Quill Press, 1986). Written over five decades, the 120 poems in this collection are reflections on the physical and metaphysical worlds as observed by the 87-year-old poet, a retired schoolteacher and world traveler.

Frances Cornwall Hutner '40. *Equal Pay for Comparable Worth* (Quorum Books: 1986). President of the Princeton Research Forum, Hutner examines sex-based wage discrimination by exploring crucial court cases, with participants in the struggles explaining what happened as they saw it. Other chapters cover the history of pay equity in the U.S. and abroad, and the book also includes a "Pay Equity Update."

Harold Meeks '56. *Vermont's Land and Resources* (The New England Press: 1986). In the words of the author, who has taught geology and geography at the University of Vermont since 1964, this book "is the story of Vermont's valuable natural heritage, and how it has been used—and sometimes misused—throughout the history of the Green Mountain State." His aim is to provide more than an armchair tour: ". . .some forget that it was the use of the environment which has made Vermont what it is."

Richard M. Woodworth '58 and Nancy Webster. *Inn Spots and Special Places in New England* (Wood Pond Press: 1986). A follow-up to *Weekending in New England* (1980), which Woodworth and his wife also wrote wrote and published, Inn Spots sold 45,000 copies in its first two months—to prospective travelers eager for information about "200 places to stay, 300 places to eat and 400 sights to see and things to do in areas from Stowe to Nantucket, from Litchfield to Blue Hill."

Mel B. Yoken French '59, '63. *Entre-*

tiens Quebecois, Volume I (Cercle du Livre de France: 1986). The first volume in a series of four, *Entretien Quebecois* is a collection of interviews with 12 contemporary French-Canadian writers, augmented by biographical sketches and bibliographies. Yoken interviewed the writers while on a 1985 sabbatical from Southeastern Massachusetts University.

Dave Margoshes '63. *Small Regrets* (Thistledown Press: 1986). Margoshes has been living and writing in Canada since 1972. *Small Regrets*, his first fiction collection, contains 11 stories, one of which was included in *Best Canadian Stories 1986*. The *Toronto Star* calls his fiction—with titles like "A Change of Life" and "One Too Many Mornings"—"real, spare accounts of resentment and misunderstandings between the sexes."

Jonathan Aldrich M.A. English '64. *The Death of Michelangelo* (Puckerbrush Press: 1985). Poetry.

Gregory L. Lucente M.A. Italian '73. *Beautiful Fables: Self-consciousness in Italian Narrative from Manzoni to Calvino* (Johns Hopkins University Press: 1987). Lucente, an associate professor of Hispanic and Italian Studies at Johns Hopkins University, defines literary self-consciousness as "the text's self-reflexive knowledge of its status as fiction and of its literary techniques and procedures as both narrative and narration, as both the tale and its telling."

Denis Dirscherl M.A. Russian '68. *Dostoevsky and the Catholic Church* (Loyola University of Chicago: 1986). "The views and attitudes of Dostoevsky underlie many of the problems that separate East and West today," says Dischert, an Air Force Reserve chaplain, of his book, an outgrowth of his doctoral dissertation in Russian studies at Georgetown University.

Meryl Siegman '76. *Volcano!* (Bantam Books: 1987). No. 64 (and Siegman's first effort) in Bantam's "Choose Your Own Adventure" series, *Volcano!* begins as the reader and a friend explore Haleakala, a Hawaiian volcano. Along the way, the reader must make choices and decisions which influence the plot, the search for a silver sword in the bowels of the about-to-erupt volcano. One of the 19 possible final sentences: "No one ever finds out what happens to you."

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From the clippings, the mail, and word of mouth

Brighter brights for Colgate

Fresh Start, Dynamo, and Fab are heavy-duty detergents manufactured by the Colgate-Palmolive Company. They're also words that business analysts might use to describe Reuben Mark '60 and his impact at the household-products corporation.

Only a few years ago, to quote an article that appeared recently on the front page of *The New York Times* business section, Colgate's future seemed as dingy as a basket of dirty laundry: "Earnings were weak, its new products were uninspiring, the company lacked a coherent strategy, Wall Street considered the stock a dog, and staff morale was low.

"But under the animated and ebullient leadership of the 47-year-old Mr. Mark, who became chief executive in 1984 and added the title of chairman this [past] spring, the company has come back to life."

Since Mark (who's also an alumni trustee of the College) has been at the helm, Colgate has had a marketing "coup" (a new liquid detergent for automatic dishwashers), has improved products and performances for Colgate's bar soaps, and has streamlined operations at home and abroad. As a result, earnings, market shares, profit margins, and stock prices are up.

"What was necessary," Mark (who joined the company after earning a Harvard M.B.A. in 1963) told the *Times*, "was to take the handcuffs off, let our people operate on their own, properly motivate them in terms of compensation, but more important, convince them that we're a lot better than we may have thought." The result, says the *Times*, is an infusion of entrepreneurial spirit: one group of workers found ways to save $20 million in detergent production and packaging.

Hard-to-get-out spots remain. Colgate is still second to Procter & Gamble, and markets for most household products are "growing only as fast as the population, at best." With these problems in mind, Mark has set up five development groups to explore new ideas, hoping the entrepreneurial style will work for Colgate's future as well as its present.

How small is her potter's wheel?

Elizabeth Chambers Towle M.A. French '69 is a potter whose work pays very close attention to small details. The Bristol, N.H., craftsperson reproduces designs popular in American homes during the 18th and 19th centuries—scaled one inch to the foot. Each piece is individually made (some hand-thrown, some turned on a potter's wheel), then handpainted, fired, and glazed. Often the piece gets an extra firing, to add a tracery of 14K gold. Her pieces are included in museum and private collections throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Africa.

Towle, who for many years led a peripatetic life as a teacher and Peace Corps volunteer, chose her specialty for a practical reason: "Pottery making was very enjoyable, but as I grew tired of trekking my work and supplies around, miniature ceramics seemed to be the logical answer."

Across the Great Divide

When Stephen Brown '58 became president of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company on January 1, he'd spent almost 30 years with the firm. Starting in the insurance division, he became Hancock's top actuary. Then, in the early 1970s—about the time insurance companies were beginning to realize the importance of their investment divisions—he was asked to do something few Hancock employees had ever done.

"Traditionally," he explained to a reporter for the *Boston Herald*, "the company had operated almost as if it were two separate companies—the insurance company over here and the investment company over there." Brown was asked to cross the invisible line between the two divisions and join the treasury department.

It meant taking a chance: "I had a nice, established niche in the company. . . and was asked to go into an area where I had only a little bit of an idea what I would be doing—and not at any immediate promotion, maybe something further down the line." But the gamble worked out—for Brown and his company.

Among his priorities as Hancock's president: pushing for greater deregulation of financial services, at a time when most other insurance companies are taking a more hesitant stance.

Outstanding in his field

Peter Young '78 is a farmer of distinction. He's owner of the smallest licensed milk-cow dairy in Vermont, and he's also the state's largest (in fact, the state's only) commercial producer of sauerkraut—some eight tons last year, made primarily from cabbages grown on his dairy farm in Marshfield: Hill Farm of Vermont.

He purposely keeps his dairy small (a

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At right: The theme for the 1987 Winter Carnival was "Midd-town Manhattan." The poster turned campus buildings and walkways into skyscrapers and big-city avenues.

In front of Hillcrest dormitory, sculptors packed their load of snow into a boring rectangular box. Then they pulled out the spray paint—and created a subway car. A sewer gator crawled out of the snow in front of Allen Hall. And near North Dormitory, there was Kong, climbing Mead Chapel.

In Praise of Upmanship — Middlebury Style

Here at the College, up is the ultimate in liftsmanship—the moreso when it results in a successful downhill run.

And if we seem to be stretching our metaphors, it's only because Middlebury, which like most colleges has had its ups and downs, is enjoying a sustained up. Its setting is the envy of many. It has teaching of a high order—and students who obviously enjoy the teaching. And few who have studied here are not ever ready and willing to return for a homecoming, a reunion, an alumni college.

Middlebury. It is a very special place.

Just as special are the generations of alumni who have supported the College's goals and believed in its dreams. Across the U.S., there are only 25 colleges and universities where more than half of the alumni contribute each year. Middlebury is one: Annual giving to the College stands at 51 percent. And if Williams, Dartmouth and Amherst are still ahead, who (but you) can tell what votes of confidence in *Middlebury's* competence lie ahead?

Middlebury's Annual Fund helps the College fund scholarships, salaries, improvements and maintenance. Endowment income can only extend so far, tuitions can only cover so much. The College can't, and wouldn't, plead poverty. But we do claim need, and we hope that you will keep us up—even move us up—in that fortunate tier of top participating colleges.

You can help in two ways—by your pledge or contribution and, if at all possible, by giving even more generously than before. One uplifting thought: You do not give alone. Year in and year out, more than half of your fellow alumni give with you.

THE ANNUAL FUND: It's a return to Middlebury.